

Long Baseline Neutrino Oscillation Experiment:

Sensitivities & Strategies

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Outline

- The experimental questions and techniques
- Sensitivity Studies for Phase II experiments
- Conclusions drawn from these studies
- New Developments
 - Physics capability in a staged approach
 - Strategies for project development

Neutrino Mass and Mixing

Three neutrino flavors are related to three neutrino mass states by a mixing matrix :

$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \\ \nu_\tau \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} U_{e1} & U_{e2} & U_{e3} \\ U_{\mu1} & U_{\mu2} & U_{\mu3} \\ U_{\tau1} & U_{\tau2} & U_{\tau3} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \\ \nu_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

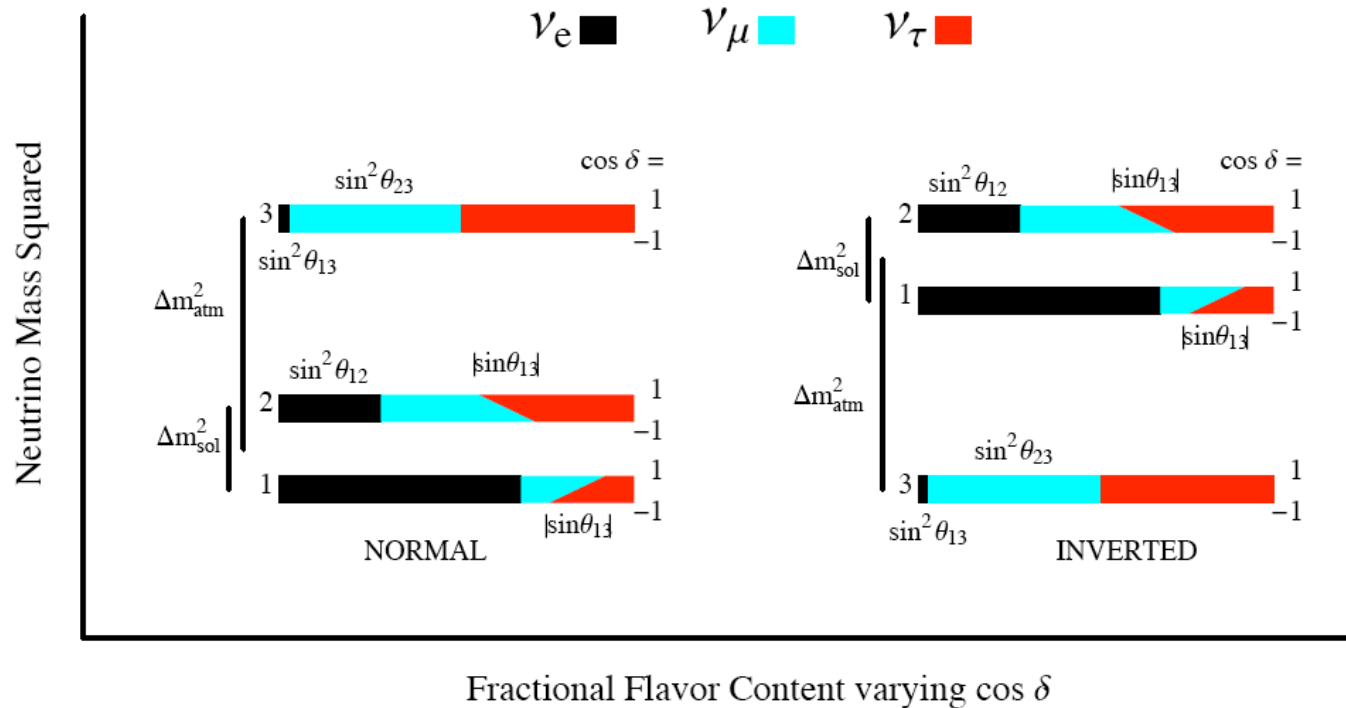
$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \\ \nu_\tau \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c\theta_{12} & s\theta_{12} & \\ -s\theta_{12} & c\theta_{12} & \\ & & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c\theta_{13} & s\theta_{13}e^{-i\delta} \\ & 1 \\ -s\theta_{13}e^{i\delta} & c\theta_{13} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & \\ & c\theta_{23} & s\theta_{23} \\ & -s\theta_{23} & c\theta_{23} \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \\ \nu_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P(\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_\mu) = \sin^2\theta_{12} \sin^2(1.27\Delta m_{12}^2 L/E)$$

$$P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\tau) = \sin^2\theta_{23} \sin^2(1.27\Delta m_{23}^2 L/E)$$

$$P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e) \approx \sin^2\theta_{23} \sin^2 2\theta_{13} \sin^2(1.27\Delta m_{31}^2 L/E)$$

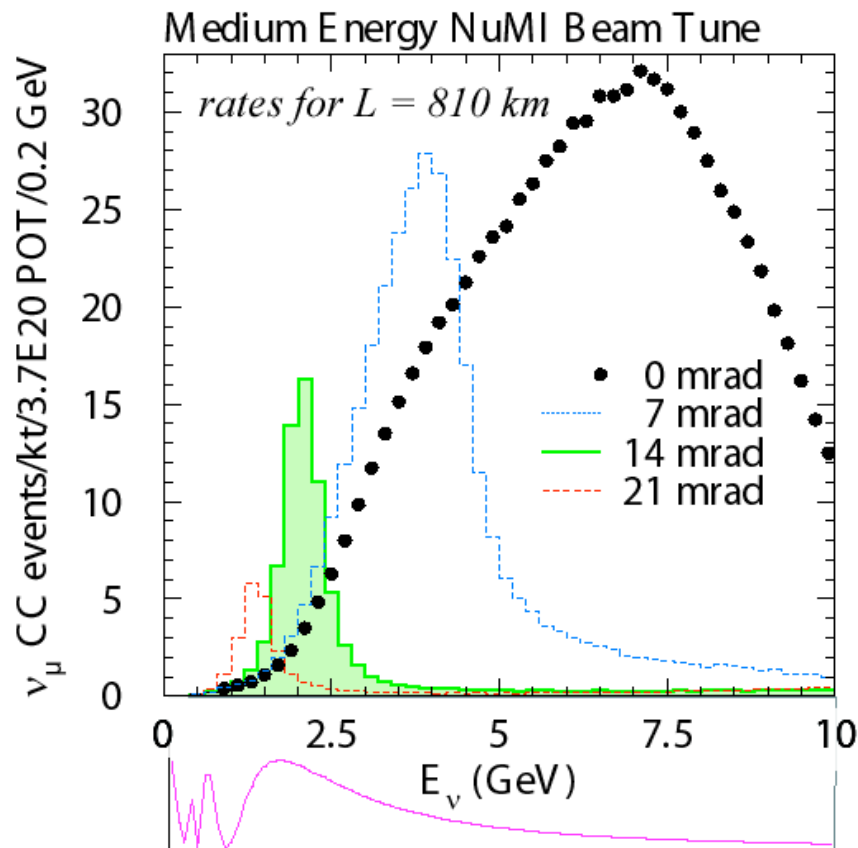
The Questions



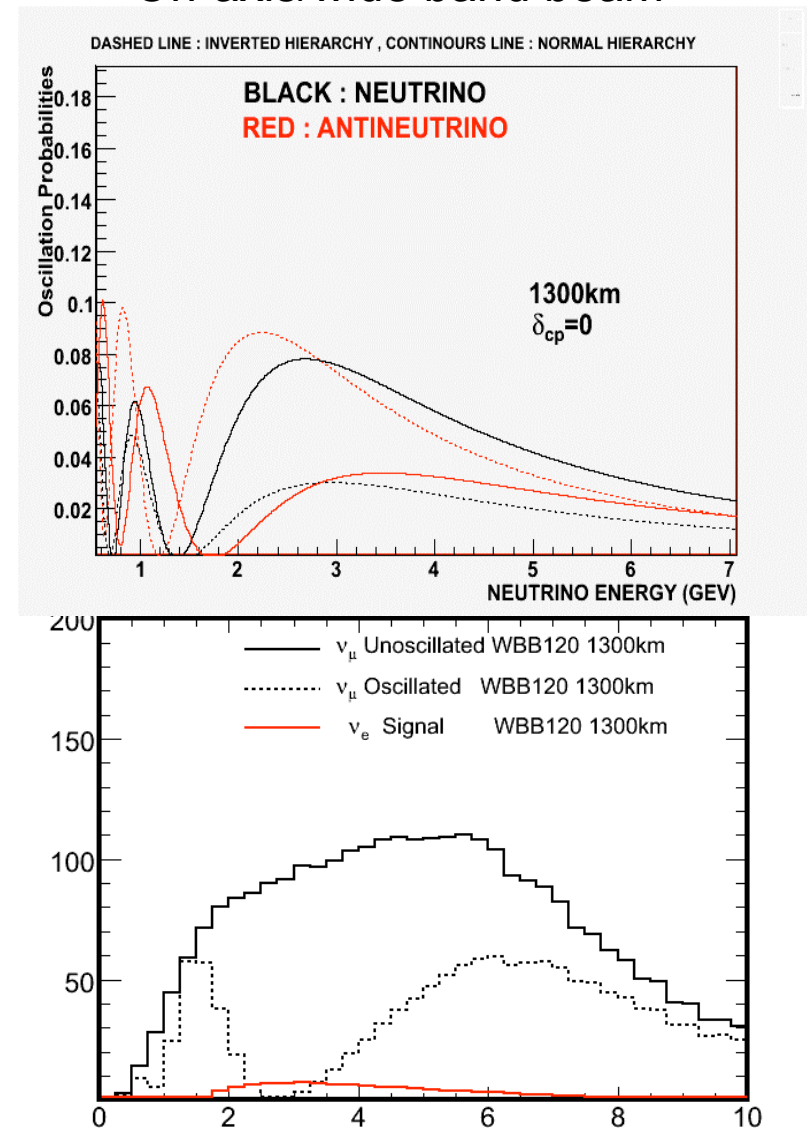
- What is the size of θ_{13} ?
- Is the hierarchy normal or inverted?
- What is the value of δ_{CP} ?

Experimental Techniques

Off-axis/narrow band beam



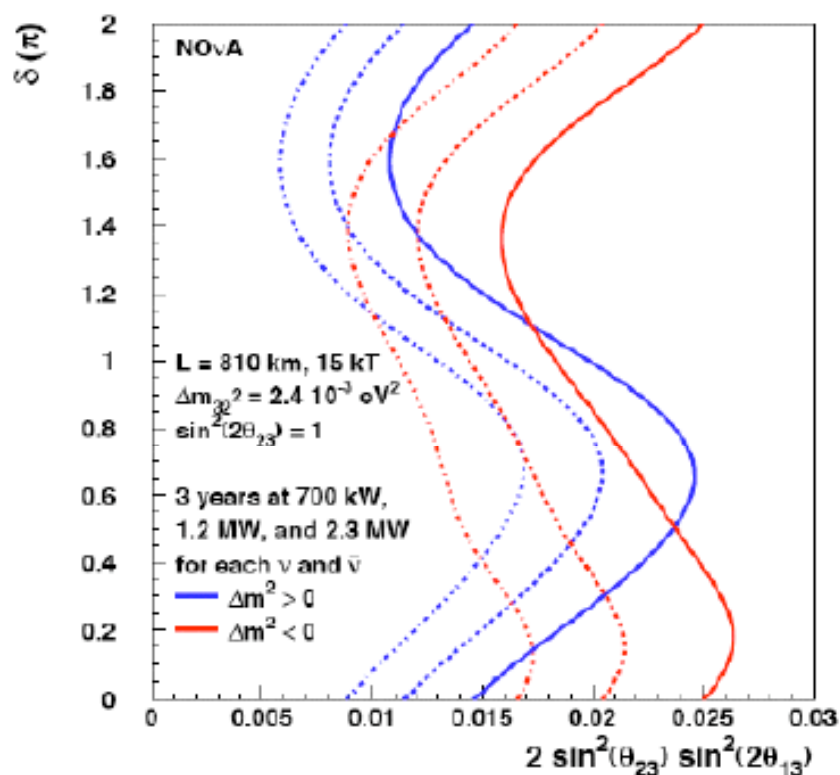
On-axis/wide band beam



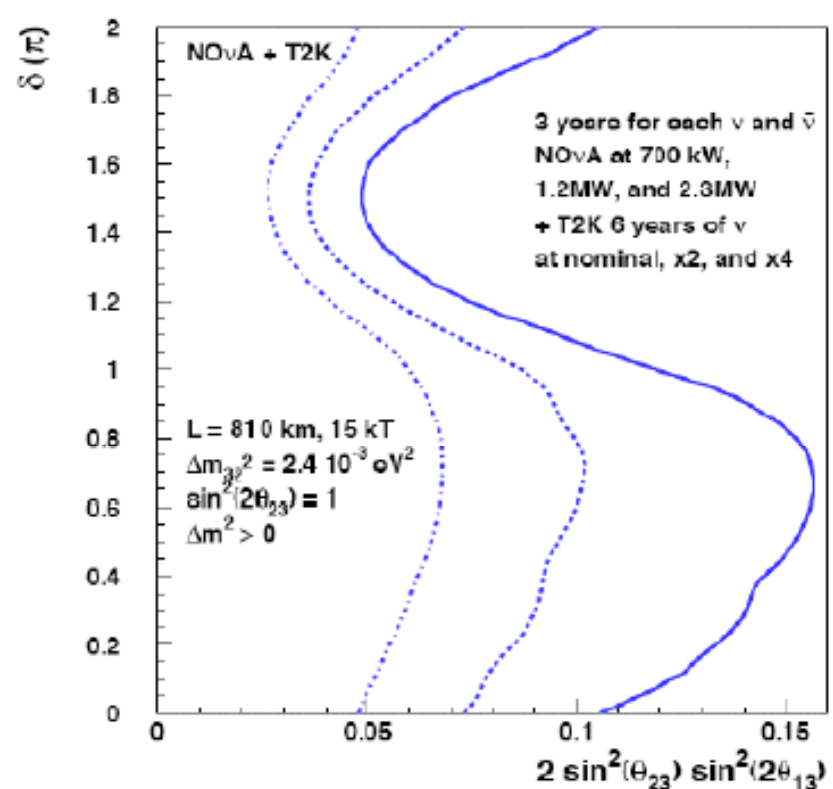
NOvA Experiment Sensitivities (shown by G.Feldman at P5 2008 SLAC meeting)



3 σ Sensitivity to $\sin^2(2\theta_{13}) \neq 0$



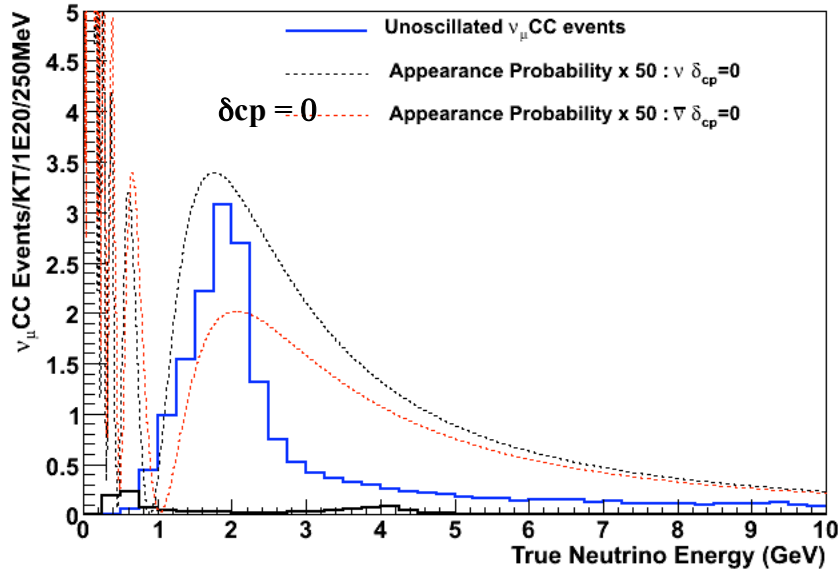
95% C.L. resolution of the mass hierarchy



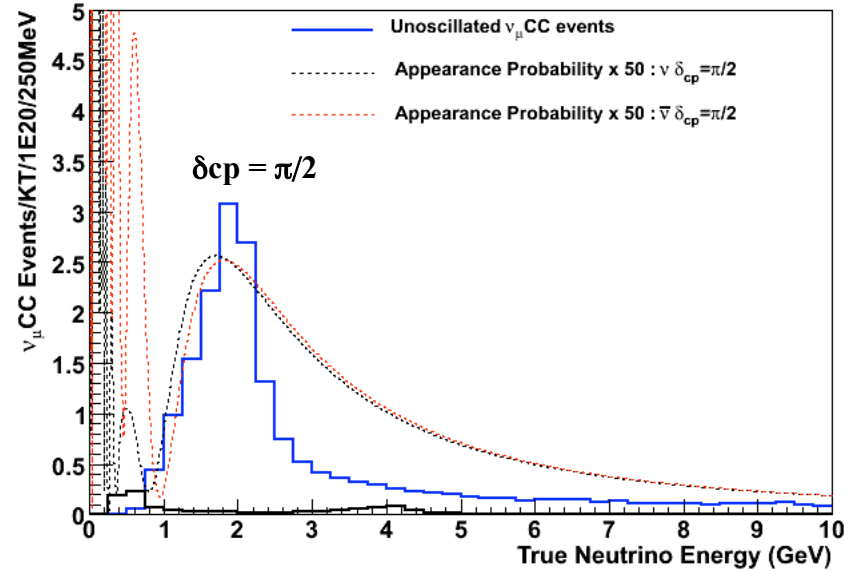
Normal Ordering

NuMI OFF AXIS : 1st and 2nd Oscillation Maxima **2 Detectors**

810 (700) km Off Axis 14mrad (57mrad) NUMI LE

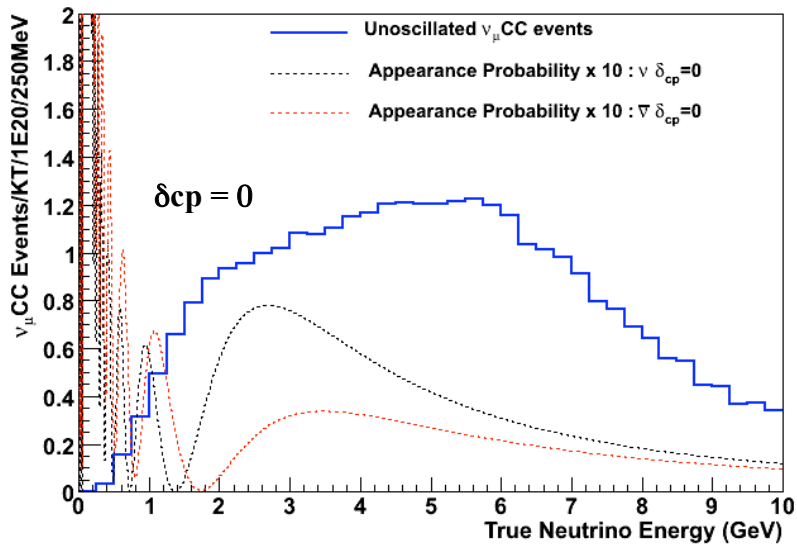


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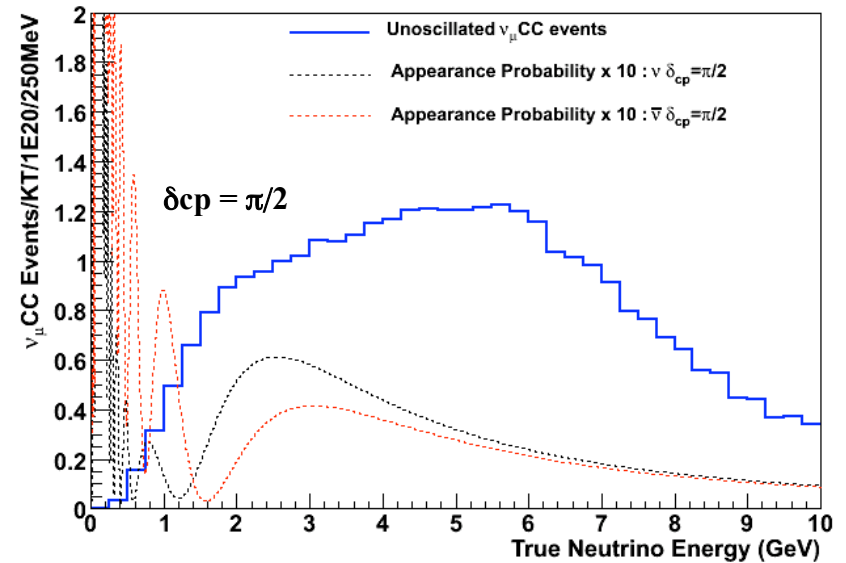


ON AXIS WBB : 1st and 2nd Oscillation Maxima **1 Detector**

1300 km On Axis new WBB



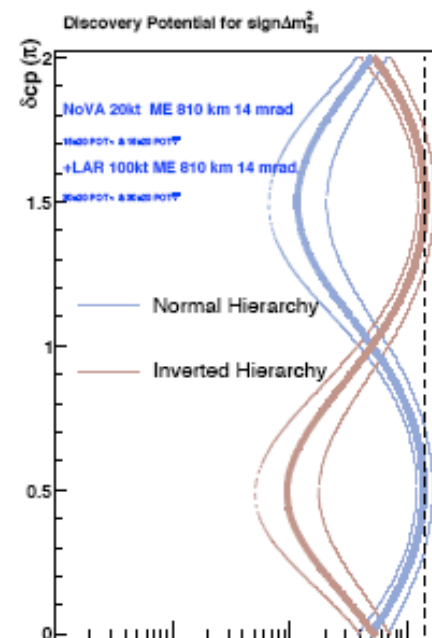
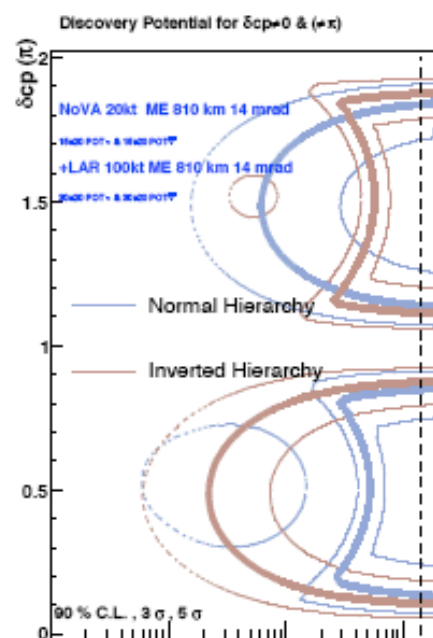
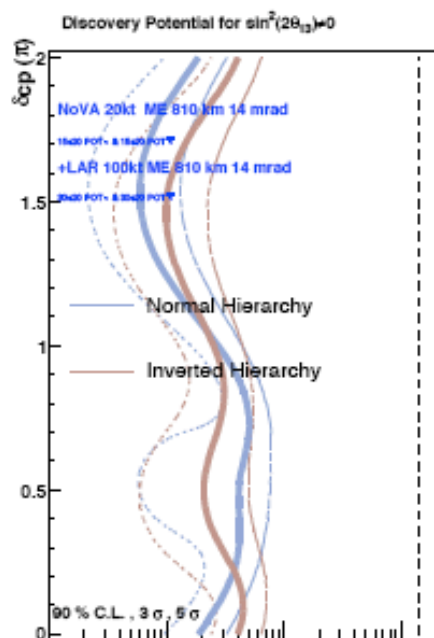
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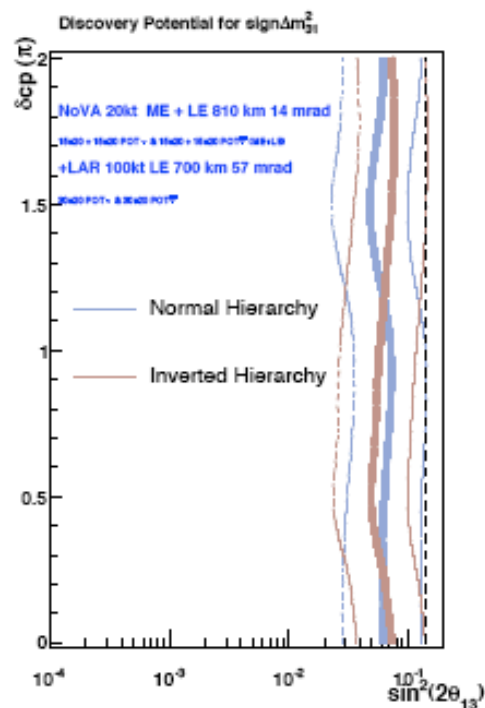
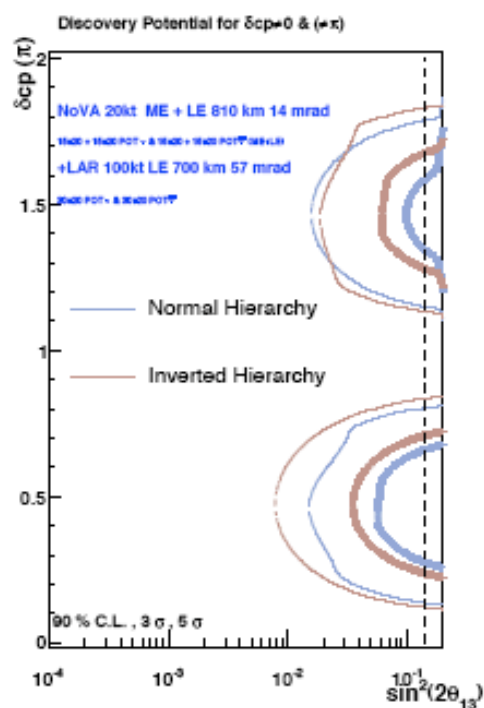
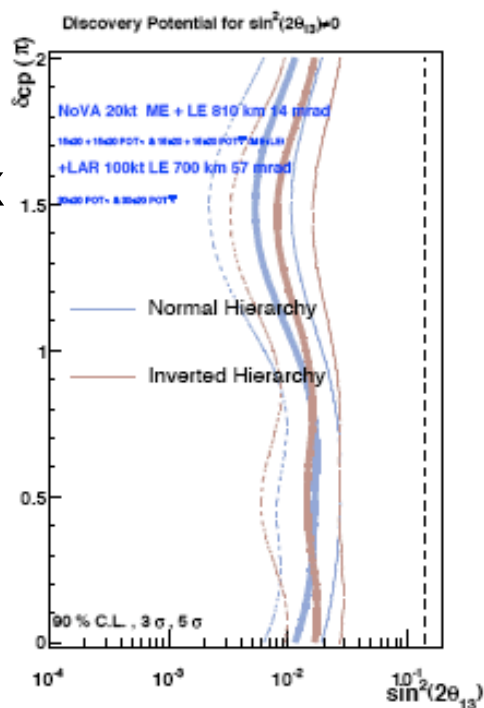
Neutrino Program Evolution

- Phase I : reactor experiments, T2K, NovA
- Numerous studies over the past several years have laid out options for the **next steps** in measuring the parameters of the neutrino mixing matrix
- i.e. BNL-FNAL US long baseline neutrino experiment study (March 2006-June 2007) explored
 - Beam options
 - NuMI , new Wide Band Beam to longer baseline
 - On and off axis detector locations
 - Detector technology options
 - Water cherenkov, liquid argon
- Several independent calculations of sensitivities give consistent results

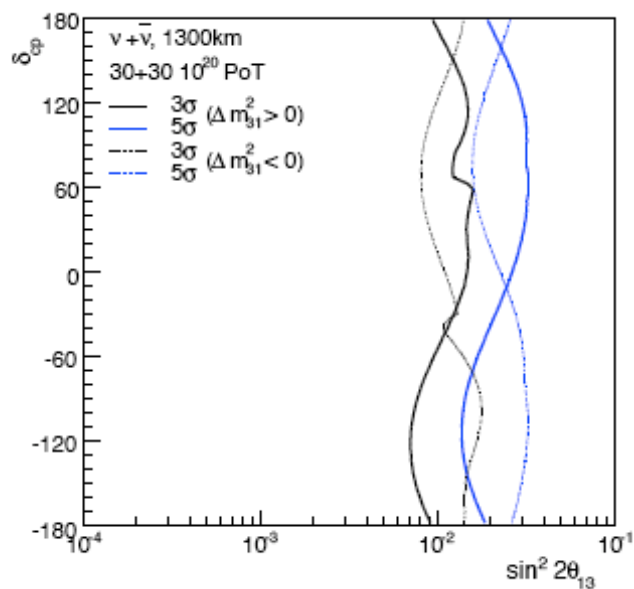
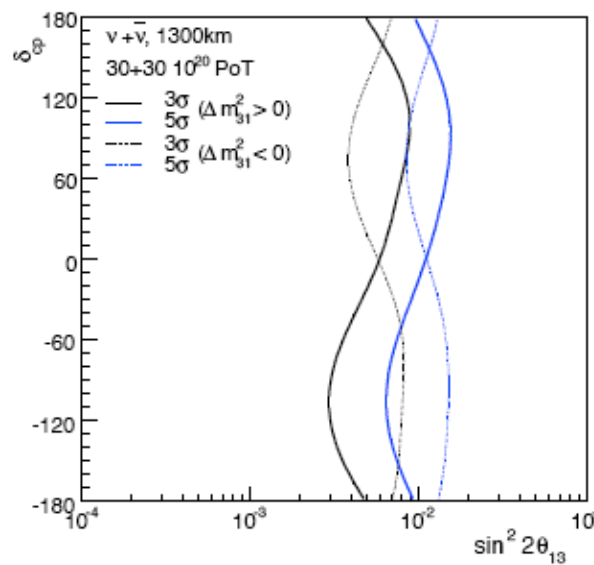
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1st max



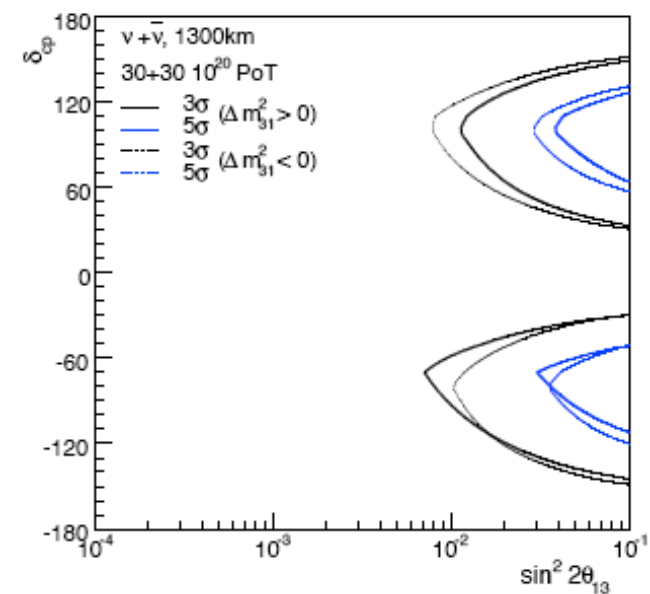
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2nd max



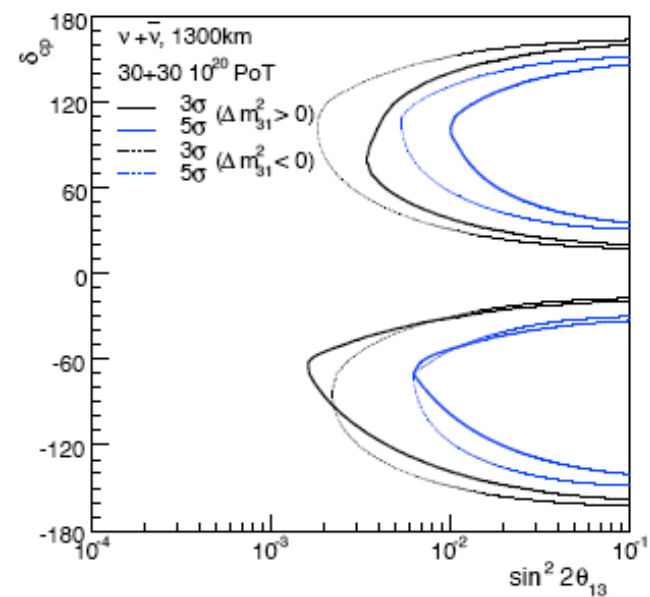
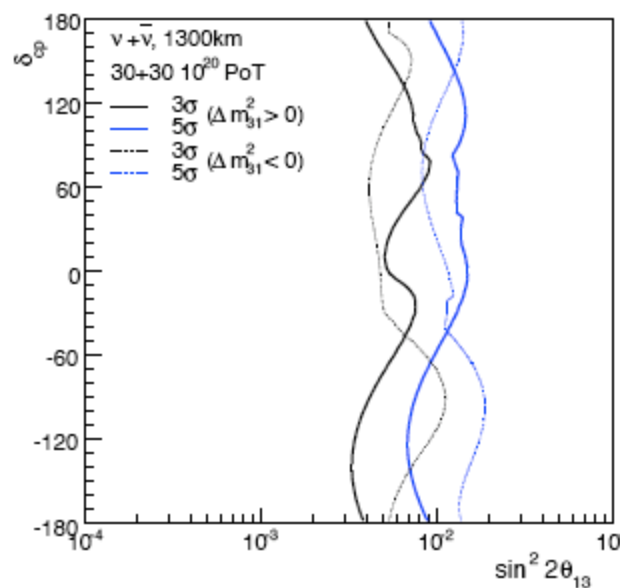
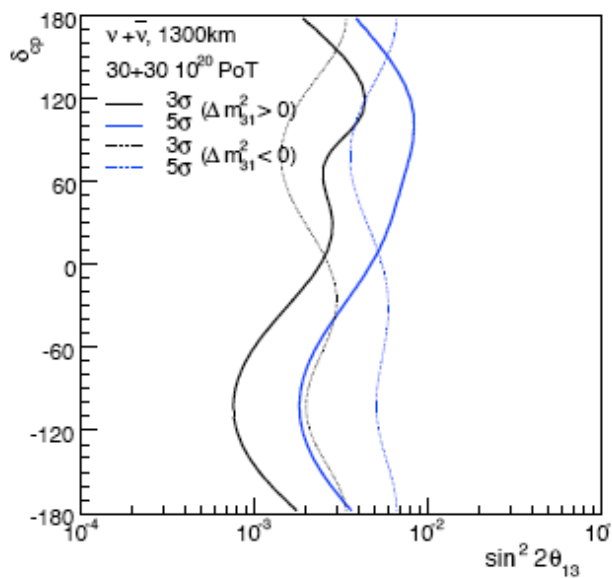
300 kT water cerenkov



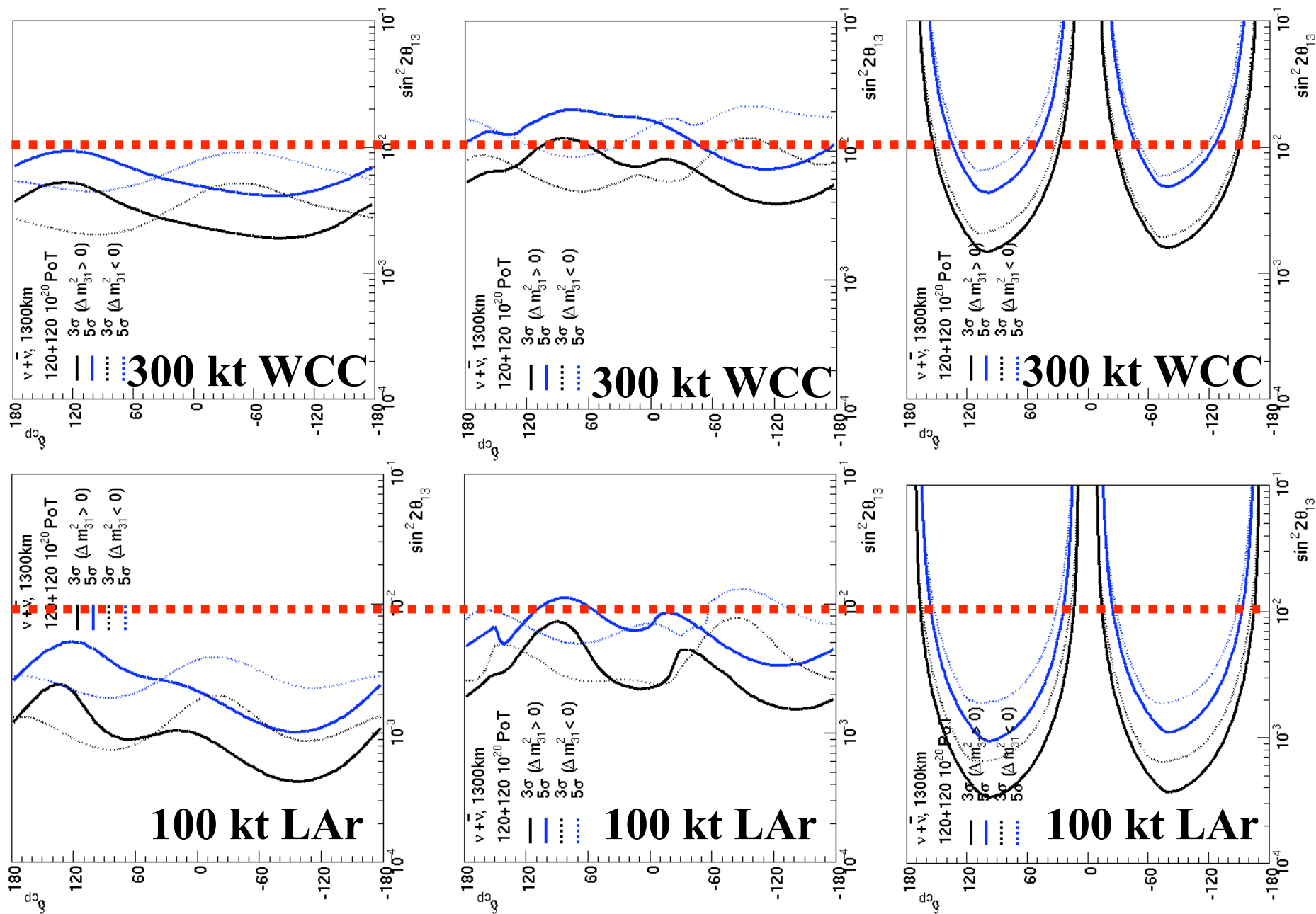
DUSEL baseline



100 kT liquid argon



100 kt LAr vs 300 kt of WCC



From Peter Meyer's summary talk to P5, February 2008

30×10^{20} p.o.t neutrino + 30×10^{20} p.o.t antineutrino
 \approx 3-5 years neutrino + 3-5 years antineutrino

Option	$\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$ $3\sigma, 50\% \delta_{CP}$	CPV $3\sigma, 50\% \delta_{CP}$	$\text{sgn}(\Delta m^2_{13})$ $3\sigma, 50\% \delta_{CP}$
1) NuMI-ME 0.9° 100 kt LAr, 1 st max	0.002	0.02	0.05
2) NuMI-LE $0.9^\circ/3.3^\circ$ 50/50 kt LAr, 1 st /2 nd max	0.004	0.05	0.04
3) WBB 0.5° 300 kt H ₂ O Ch, 1300 km	0.006	0.02	0.01
4) WBB 0.5° 100 kt LAr, 1300 km	0.002	0.005	0.006

Entries are minimum $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$ where null hypothesis is ruled out

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30×10^{20} p.o.t neutrino + 30×10^{20} p.o.t antineutrino

\approx 3-5 years neutrino + 3-5 years antineutrino @ 1 MW

Option	$\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$ 5 σ , all δ_{CP}	CPV 5 σ , 50% δ_{CP}	$\text{sgn}(\Delta m^2_{13})$ 5 σ , all δ_{CP}
1) NuMI-ME 0.9° 100 kt LAr, 1 st max	0.008	0.08	0.18
2) NuMI-LE 0.9°/3.3° 50/50 kt LAr, 1 st /2 nd max	0.011	>0.10	0.15
3) WBB 0.5° 300 kt H ₂ O Ch, 1300 km	0.015	>0.10	0.032
4) WBB 0.5° 100 kt LAr, 1300 km	0.008	0.035	0.019

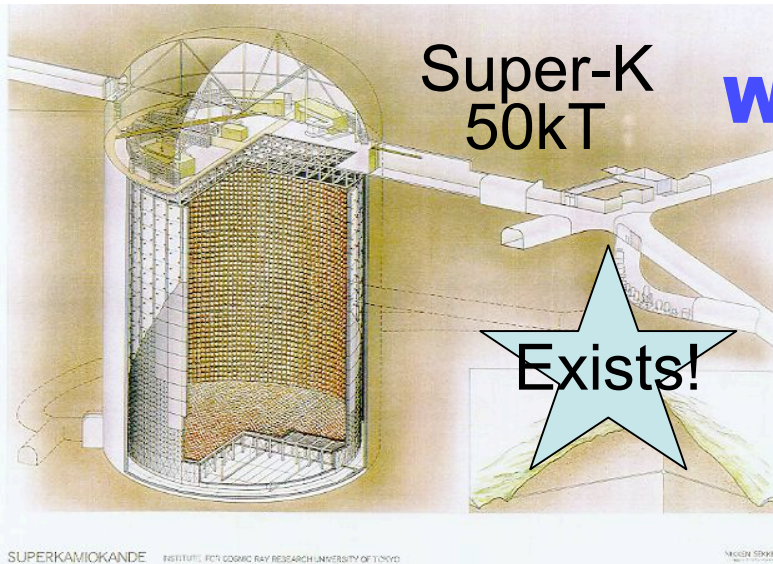
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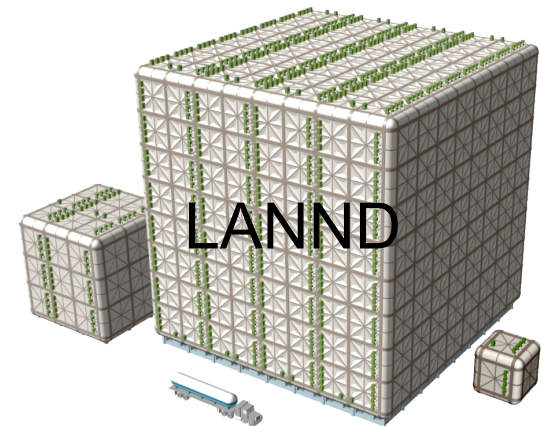
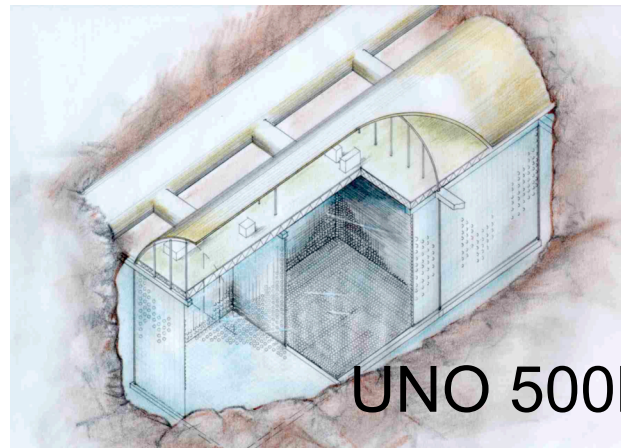
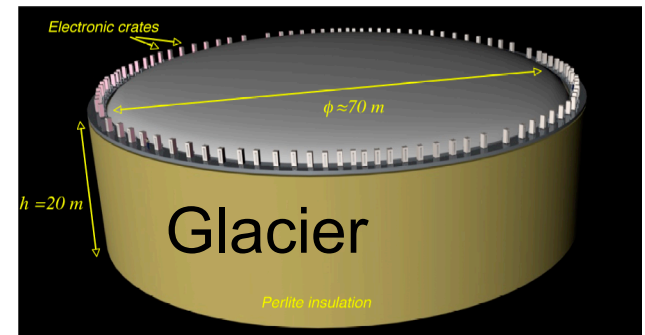
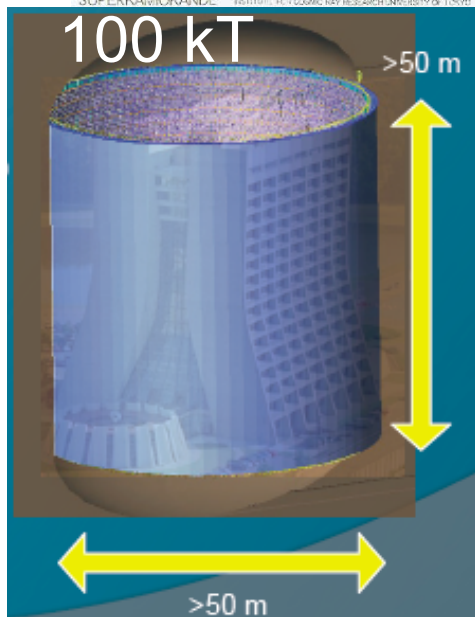
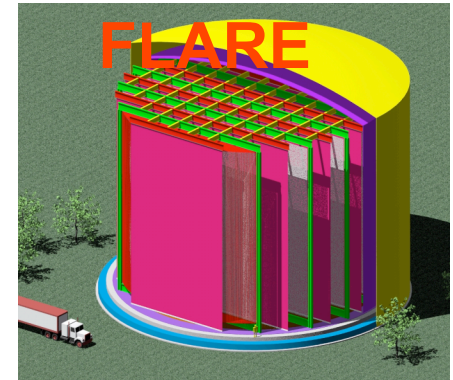
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3) WBB 0.5° 300 kt H ₂ O Ch, 1300 km	0.015	>0.10	0.032
3A) 60×10 ²⁰ p.o.t. each	0.012	0.08	0.022
4) WBB 0.5° 100 kt LAr, 1300 km	0.008	0.035	0.019

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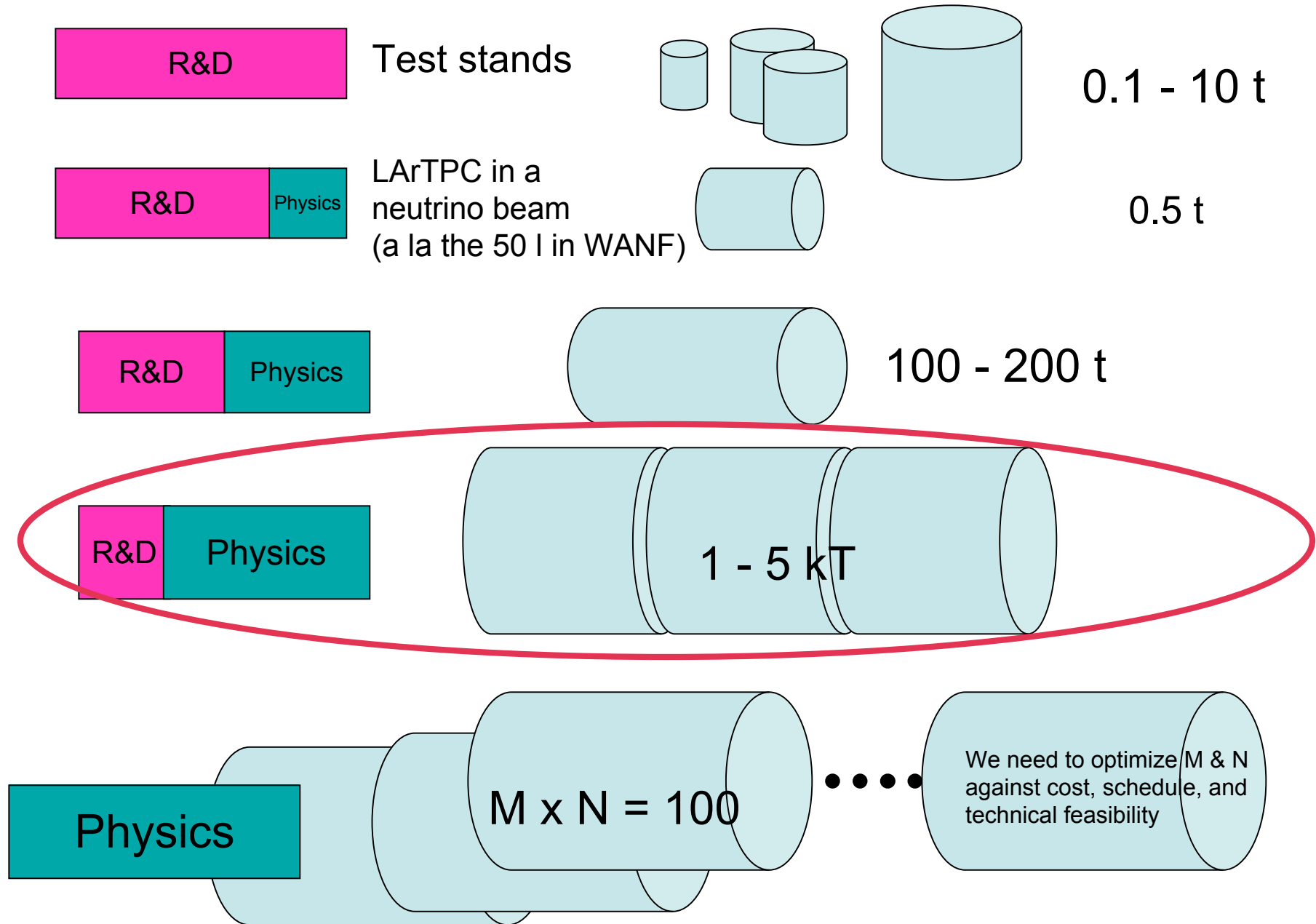
Large Detector Concepts



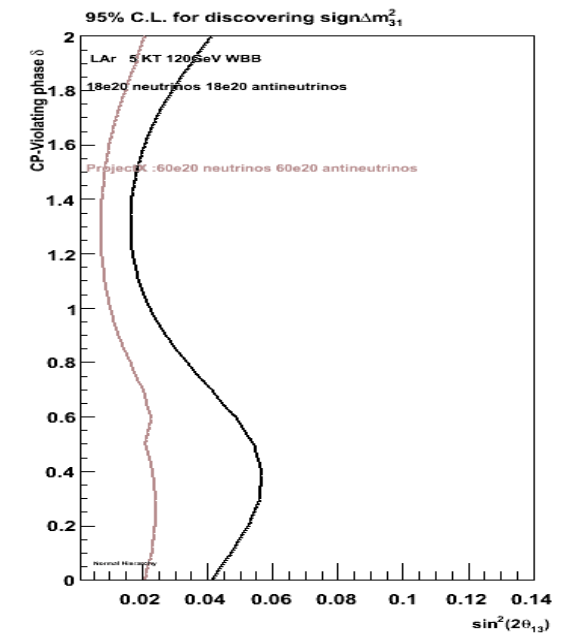
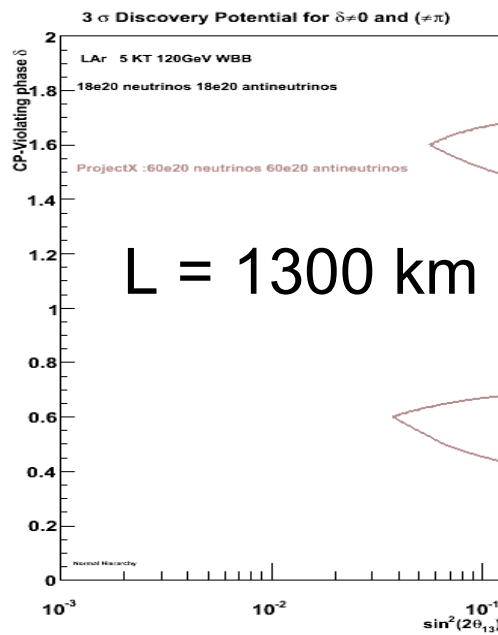
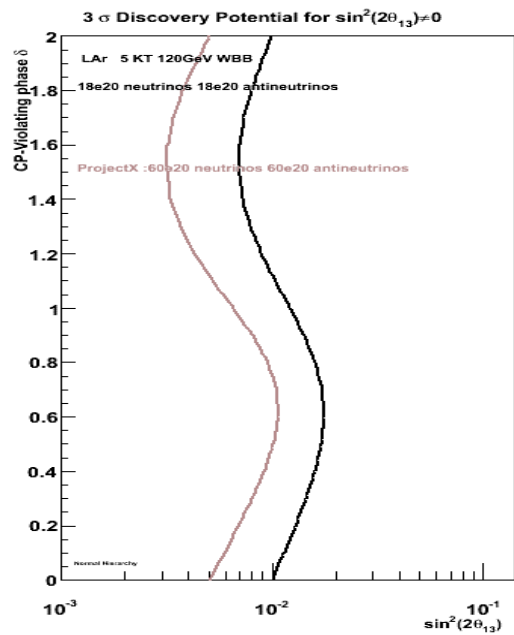
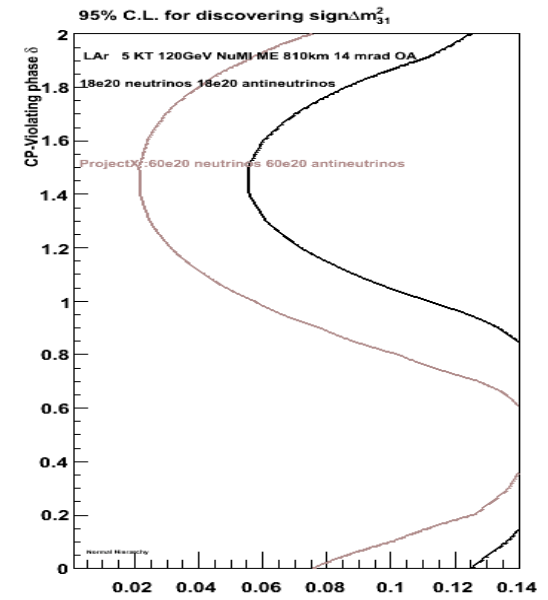
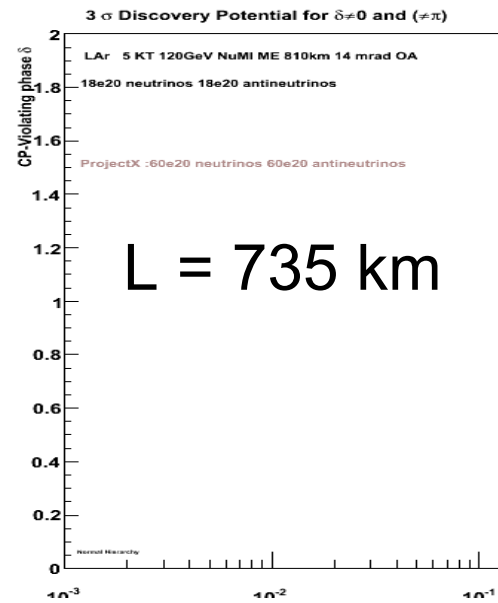
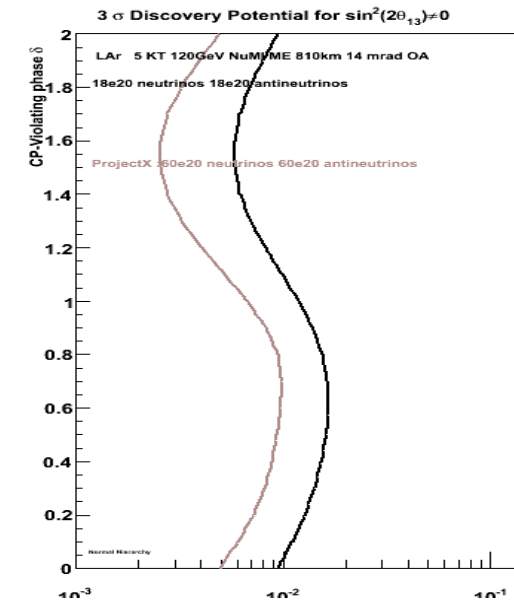
**Water Cerenkov
And
Liquid Argon**



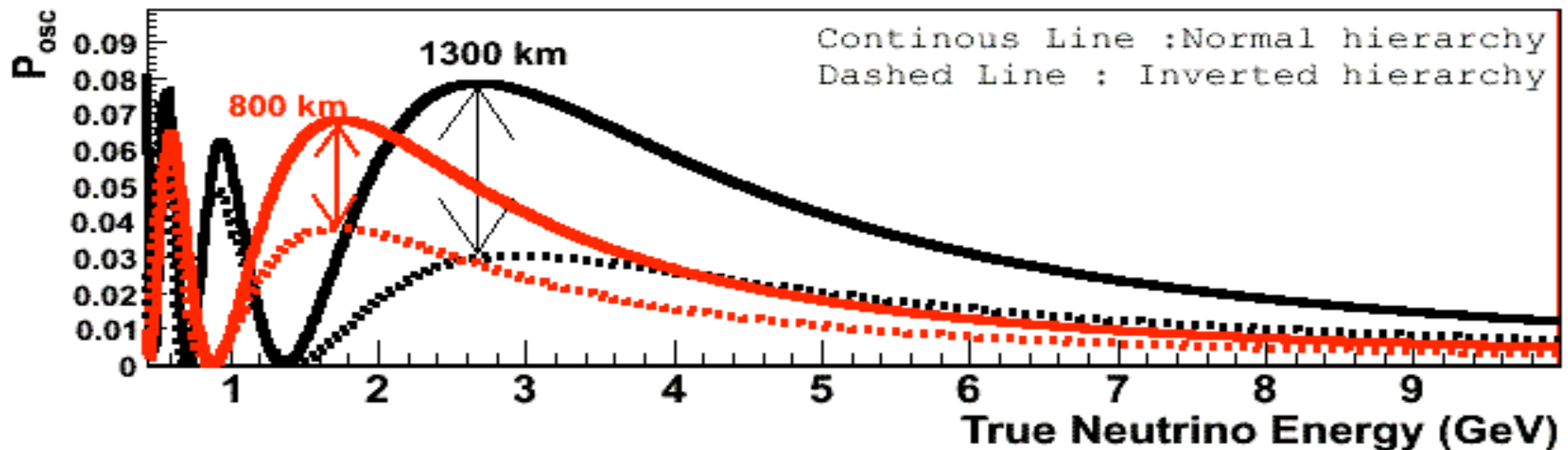
Evolution of a Liquid Argon Physics Program



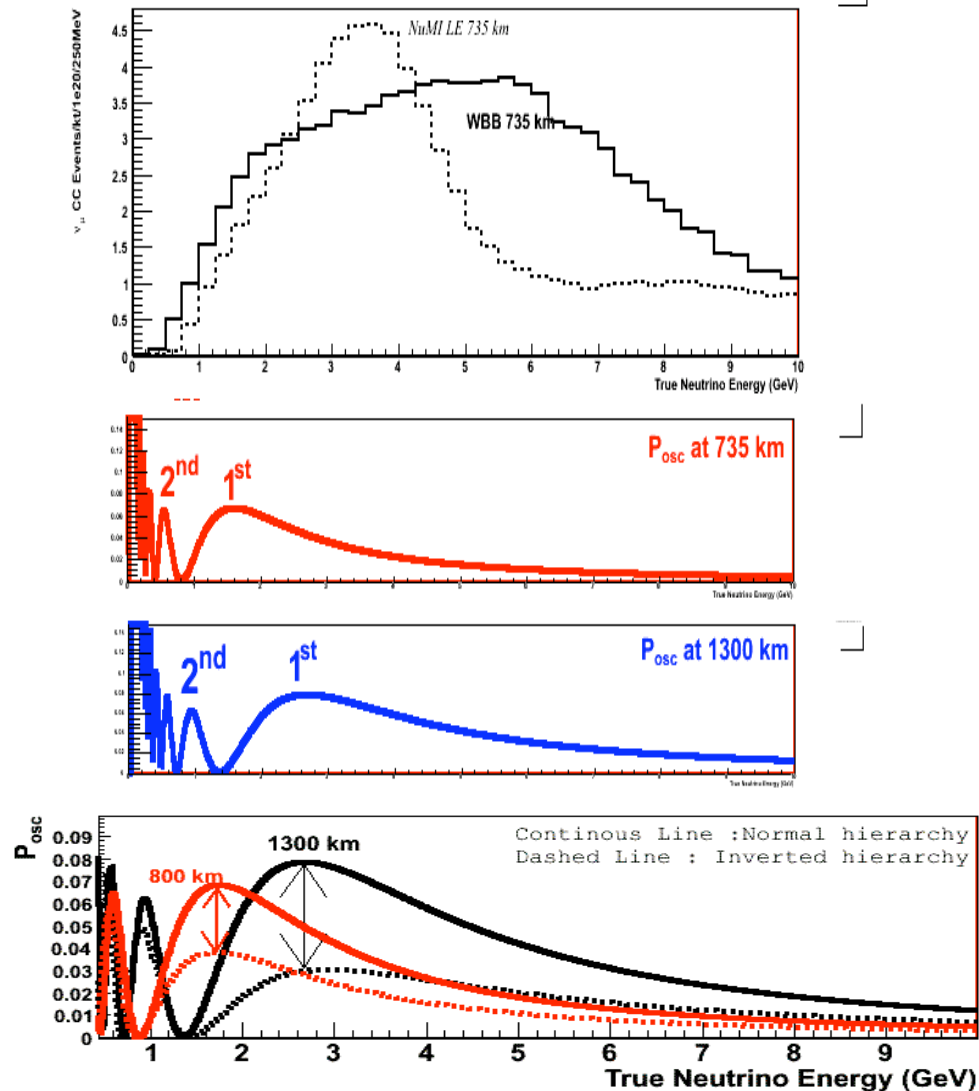
Options for Liquid Argon 5 kT



Why is the longer baseline so much better?



The effect of longer baseline ($\gg L$) and a new Wide Band Beam



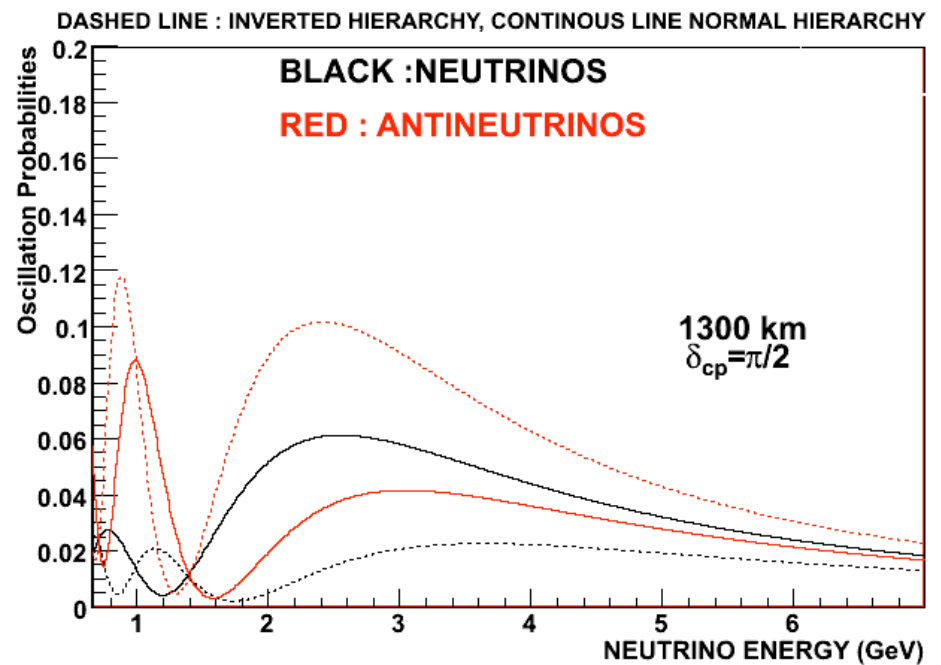
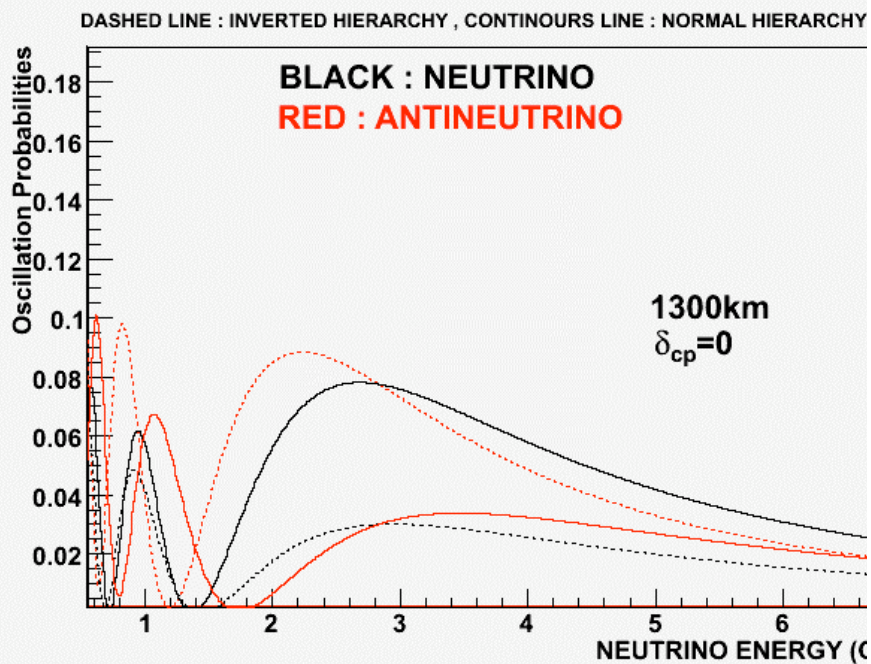
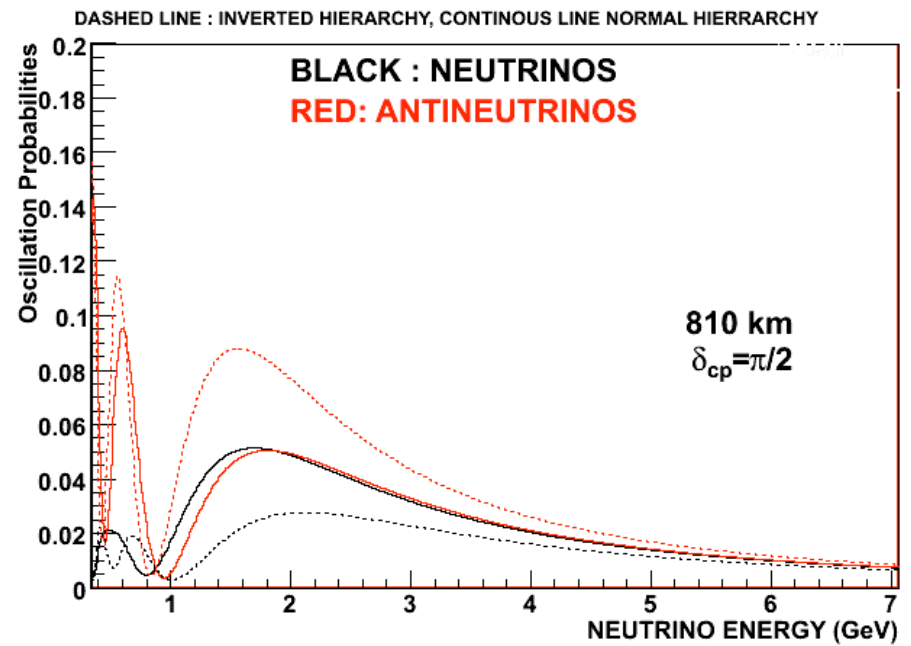
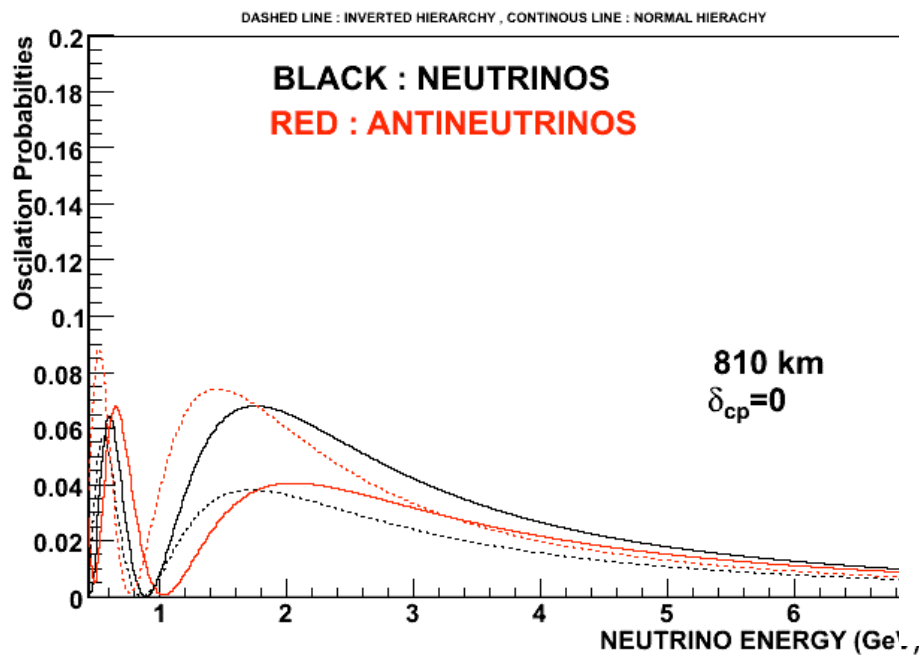
With new Wide Band Beam :

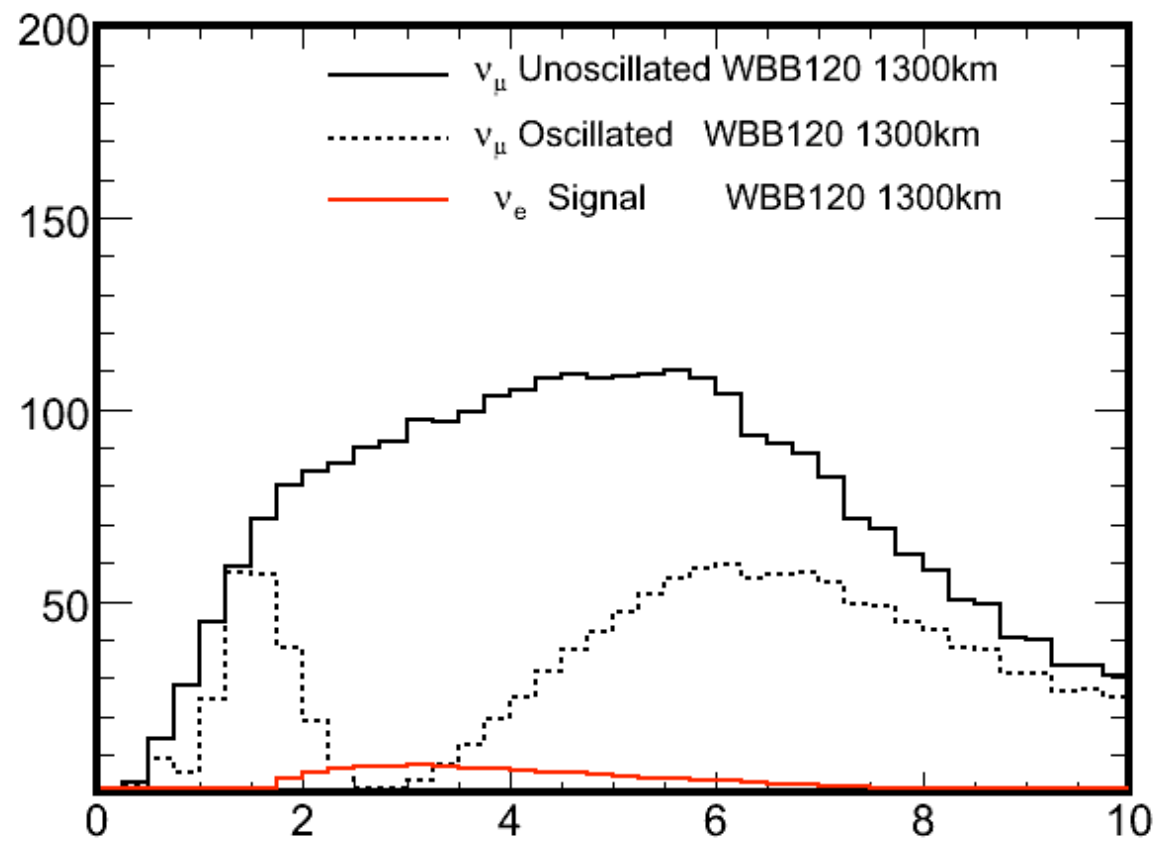
Increase "useful" flux (at first and second oscillation maxima)

Decrease backgrounds (depending on proton energy and off axis angle)

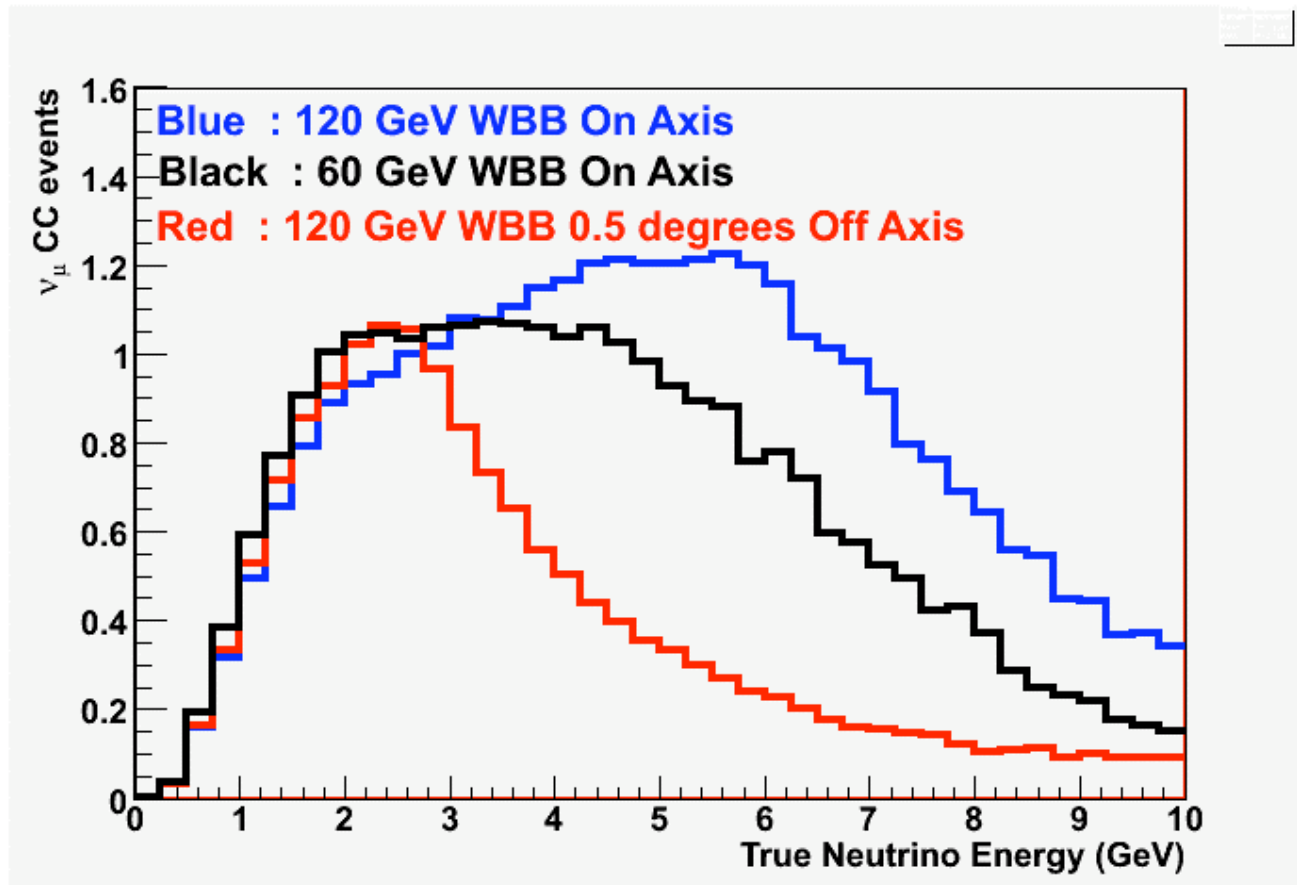
With increasing L oscillation maxima (and minima) "appear" in more "favourable" positions in the neutrino energy spectra

With increasing L matter effects increase and hence mass hierarchy determination is improving





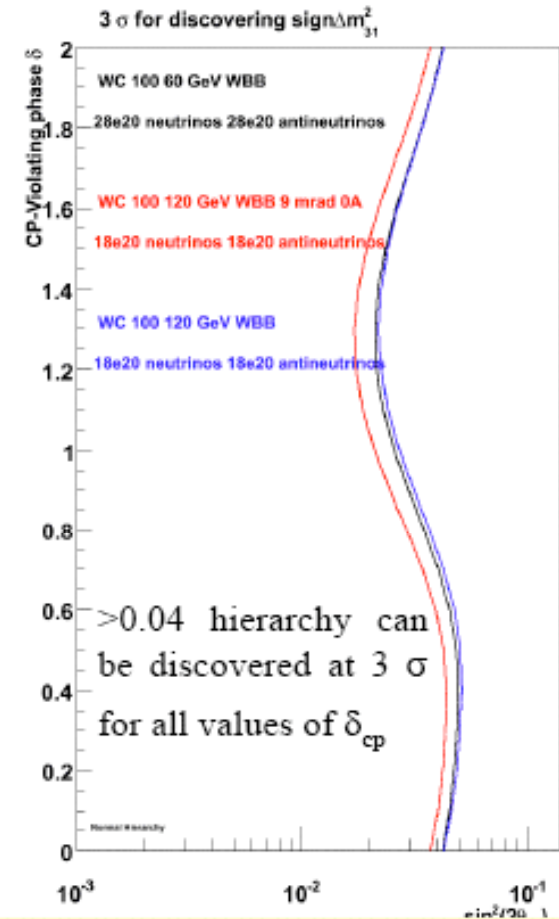
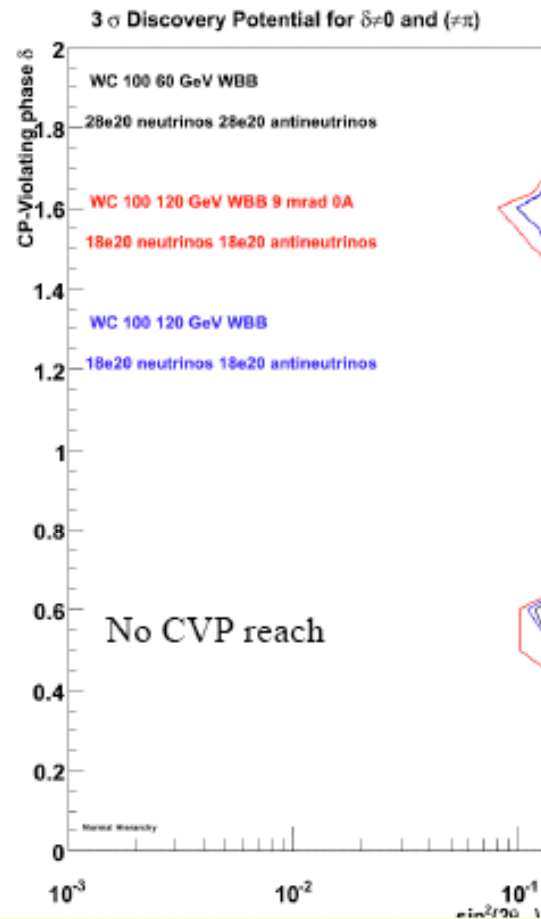
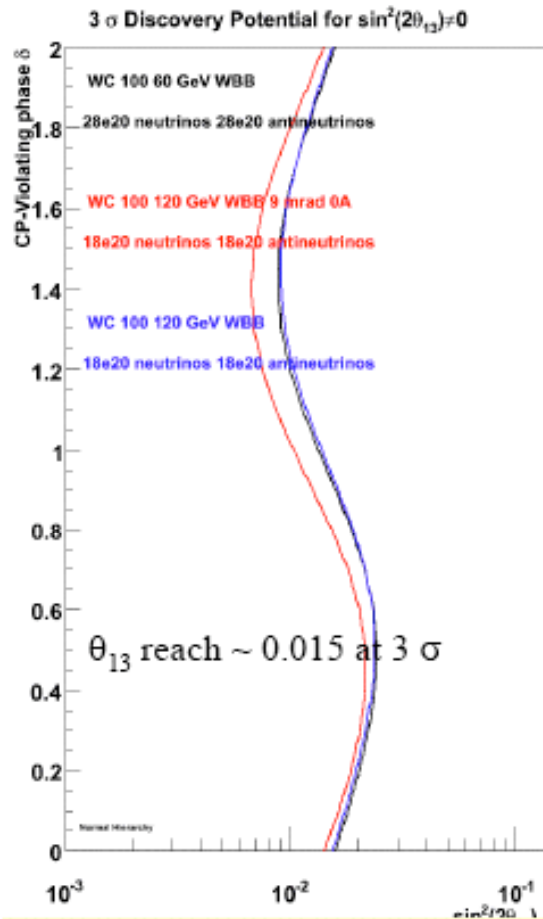
Options and optimizations



Sensitivities for 100kt fiducial Water Cherenkov



"Nominal" NC background



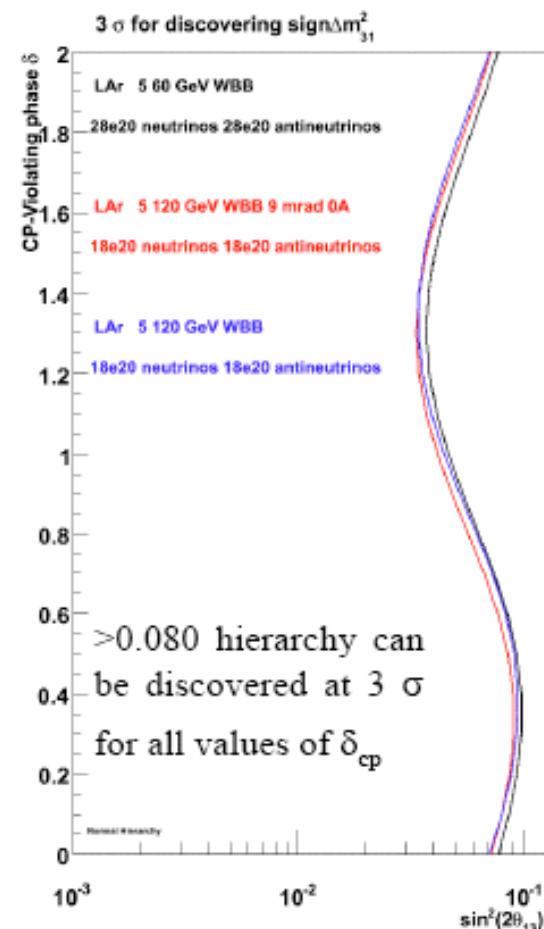
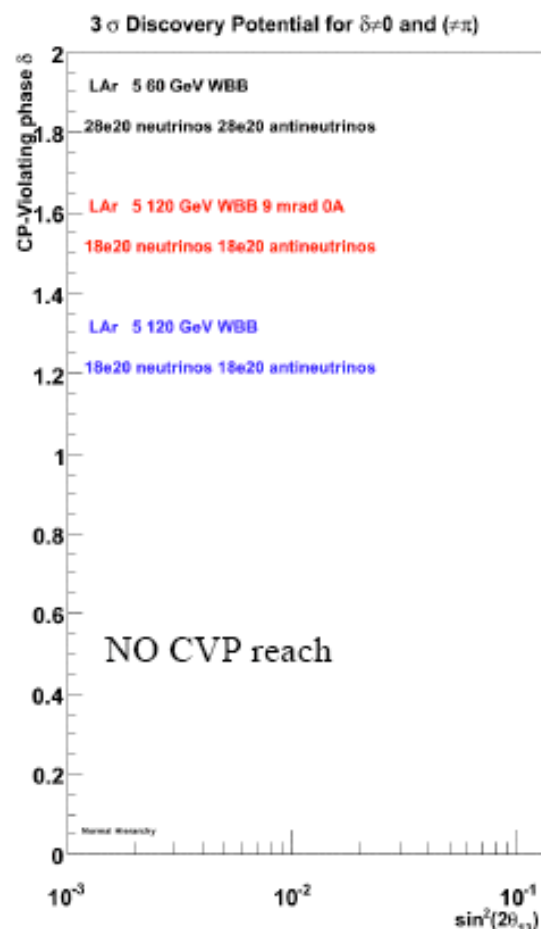
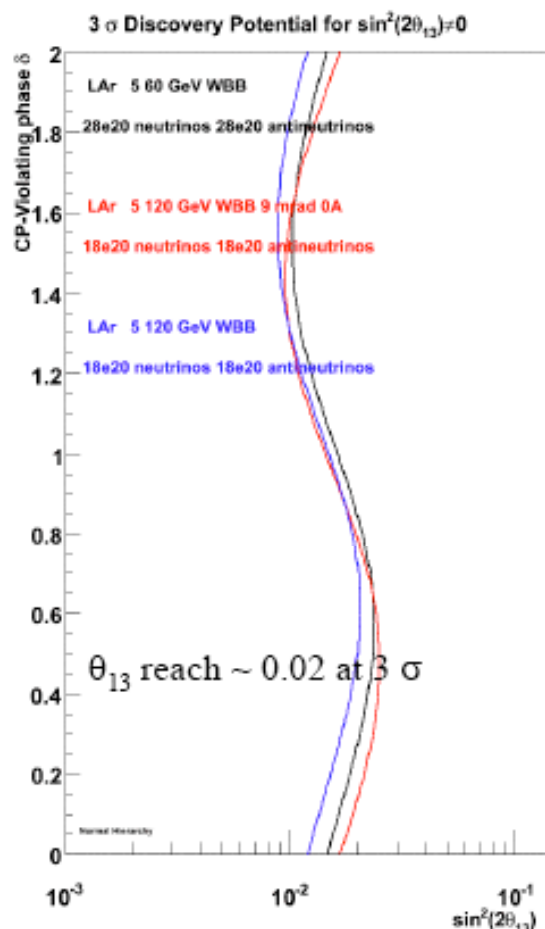
120 GeV 700 KW 9 mrad off Axis (red) gives better results than 120 GeV 700 KW on Axis (blue) due to less NC background

60 GeV 540 KW on axis (black) gives \sim the same results as 120 GeV 700 KW on Axis. 60 GeV 540 KW on axis has slightly less events than 120 GeV 700 KW on axis.

Sensitivities for 5 kt fiducial LAr Detector



NC background = 0.01

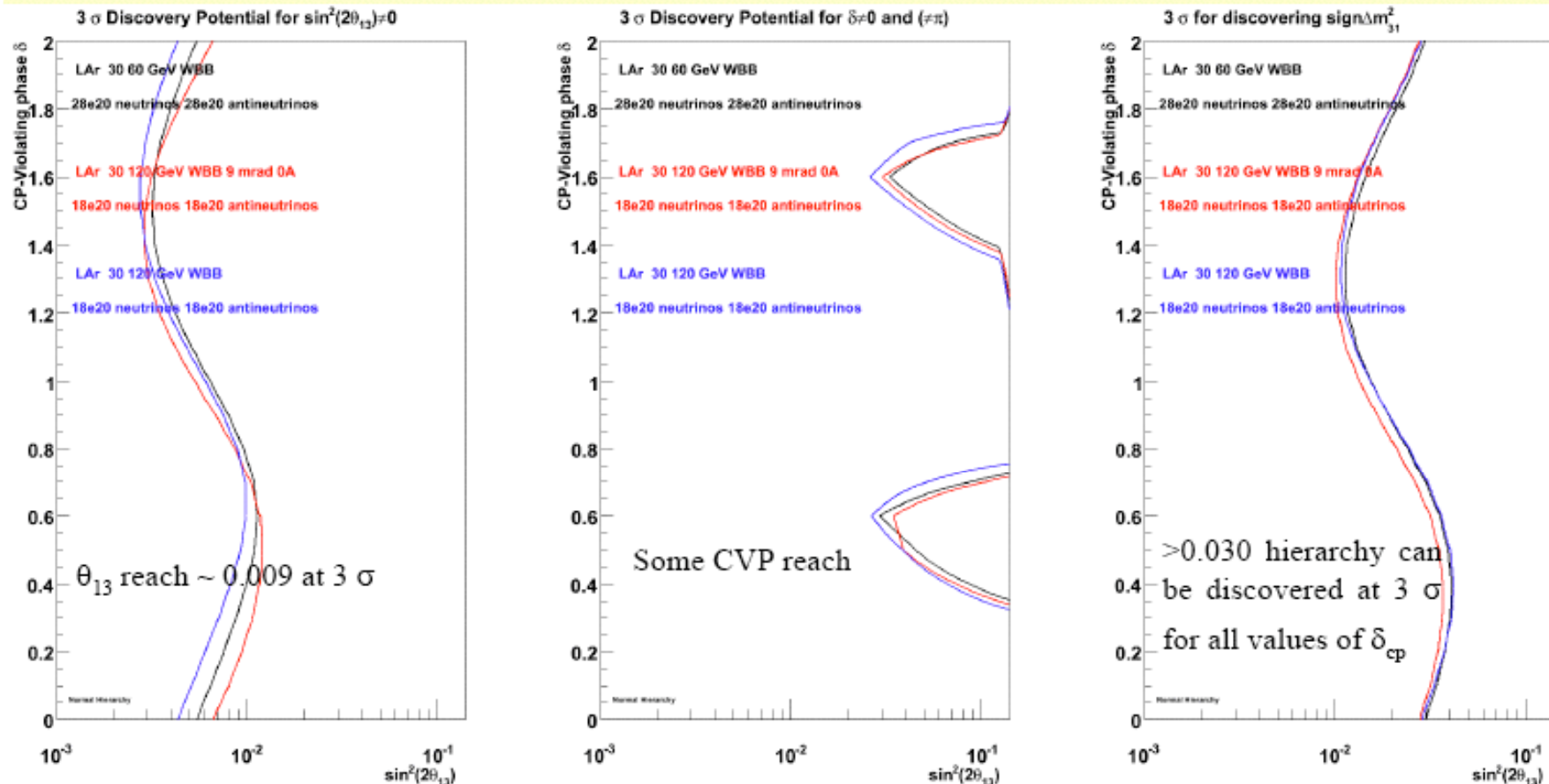


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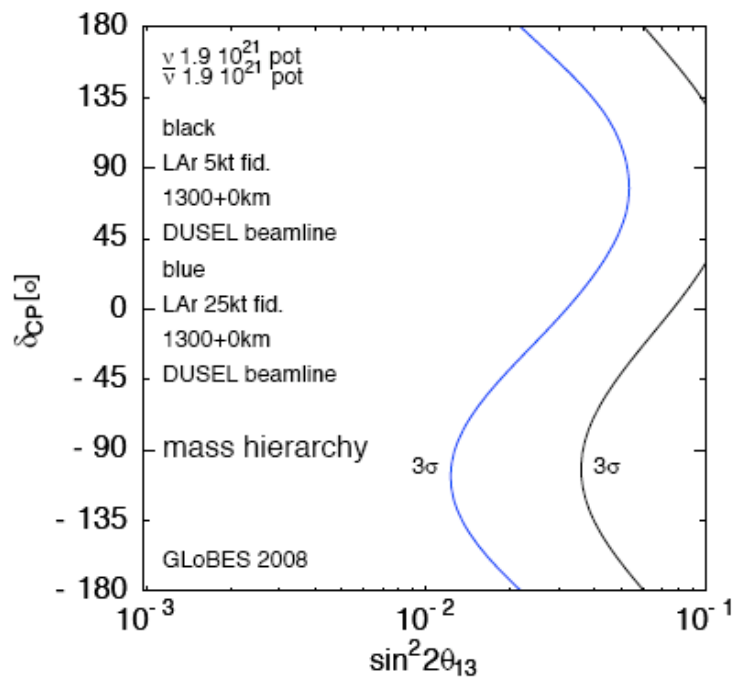
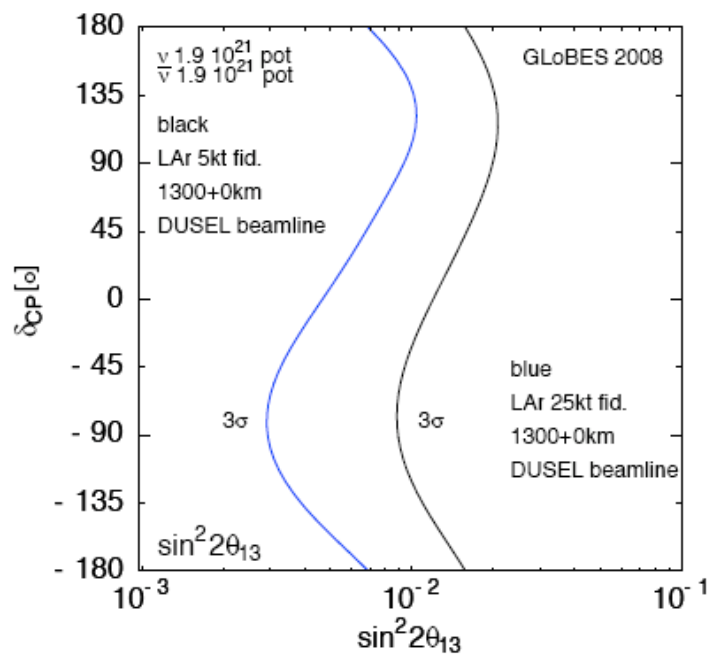
Sensitivities for 30kt fiducial LAr Detector



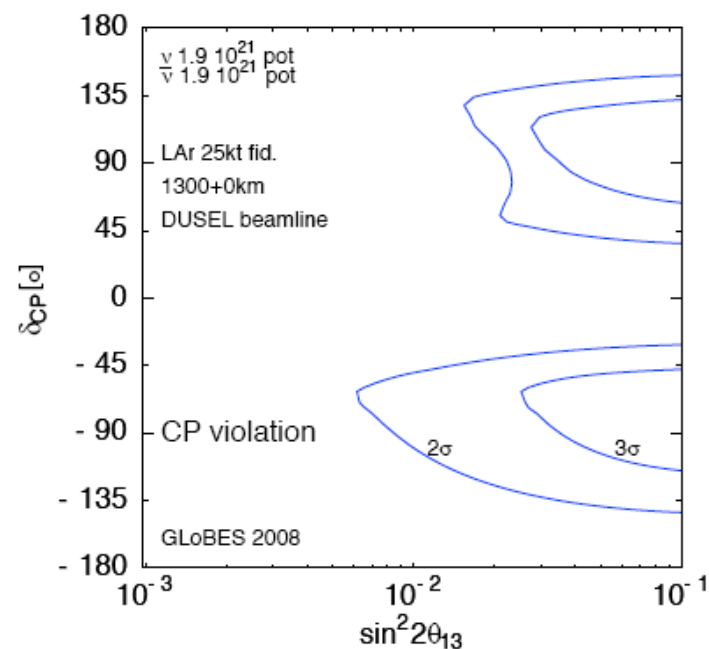
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Independent calculations for
5 and 25 kT at 1300 km:
P. Huber - Globes



Conclusions from studies

- Development of a long baseline experiment :
Fermilab to DUSEL has excellent long term scientific reach
- A staged approach looks promising, i.e.
 - 100 kT water
 - 5kT, followed by ~ 25 kT LAr
- Planning for a new beam should become part of the Fermilab neutrino strategy

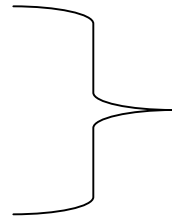
Project Development Strategy

Project Elements

- Protons
- Neutrinos
- Cavern(s)
- Detectors(s)

Project Elements

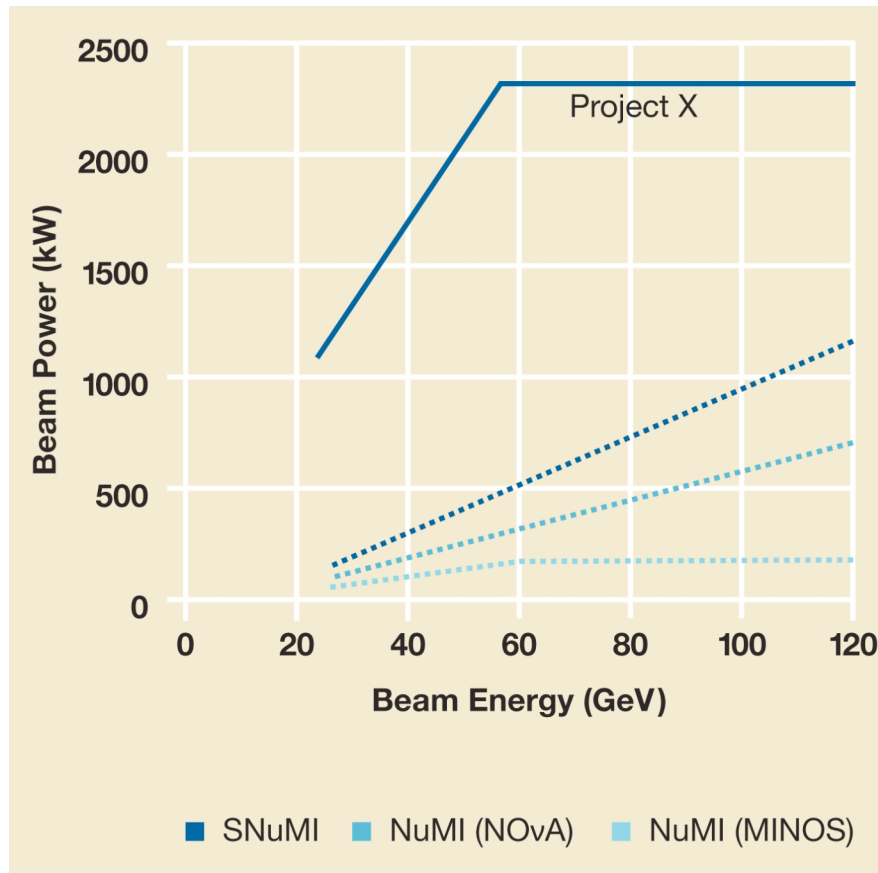
- Protons
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Need to be developed as part
of the Fermilab long term plan

- Cavern(s)
- Detectors(s)

- 60 -120 GeV protons from the Main Injector fed by Project X



20-40x10²⁰ POT/yr

10x10²⁰ POT/yr

6x10²⁰ POT/yr

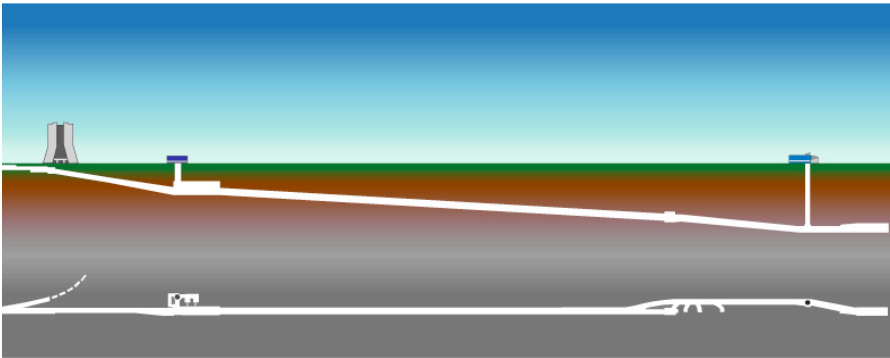
3x10²⁰ POT/yr

Recent sensitivity studies are being done for 120x10²⁰ POT each ν and $\bar{\nu}$

$$POT(10^{20}) = \frac{1000 \times BeamPower(MW) \times T(10^7 s)}{1.602 \times E_p(GeV)}$$

A ν beam project

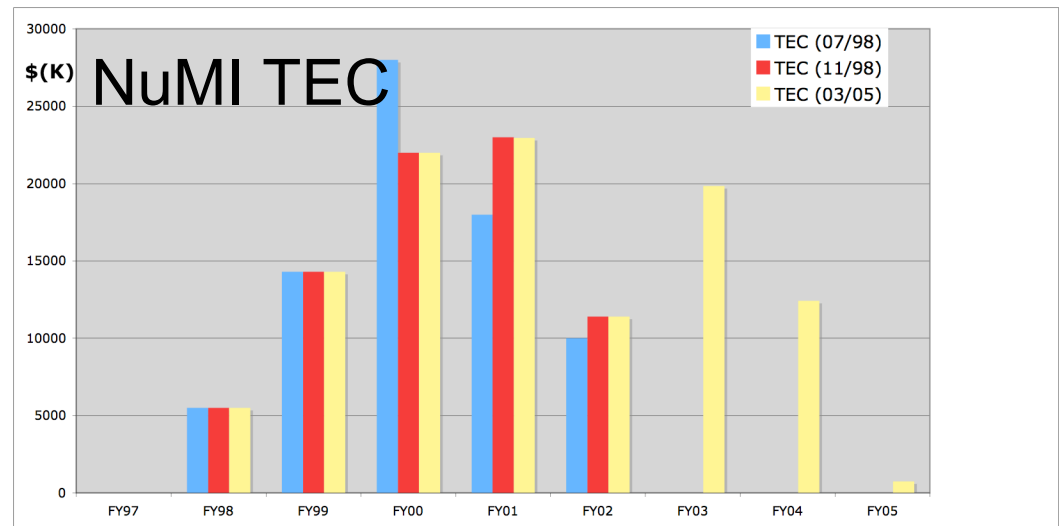
Cost and schedule can be based on our Fermilab underground construction **experience**....



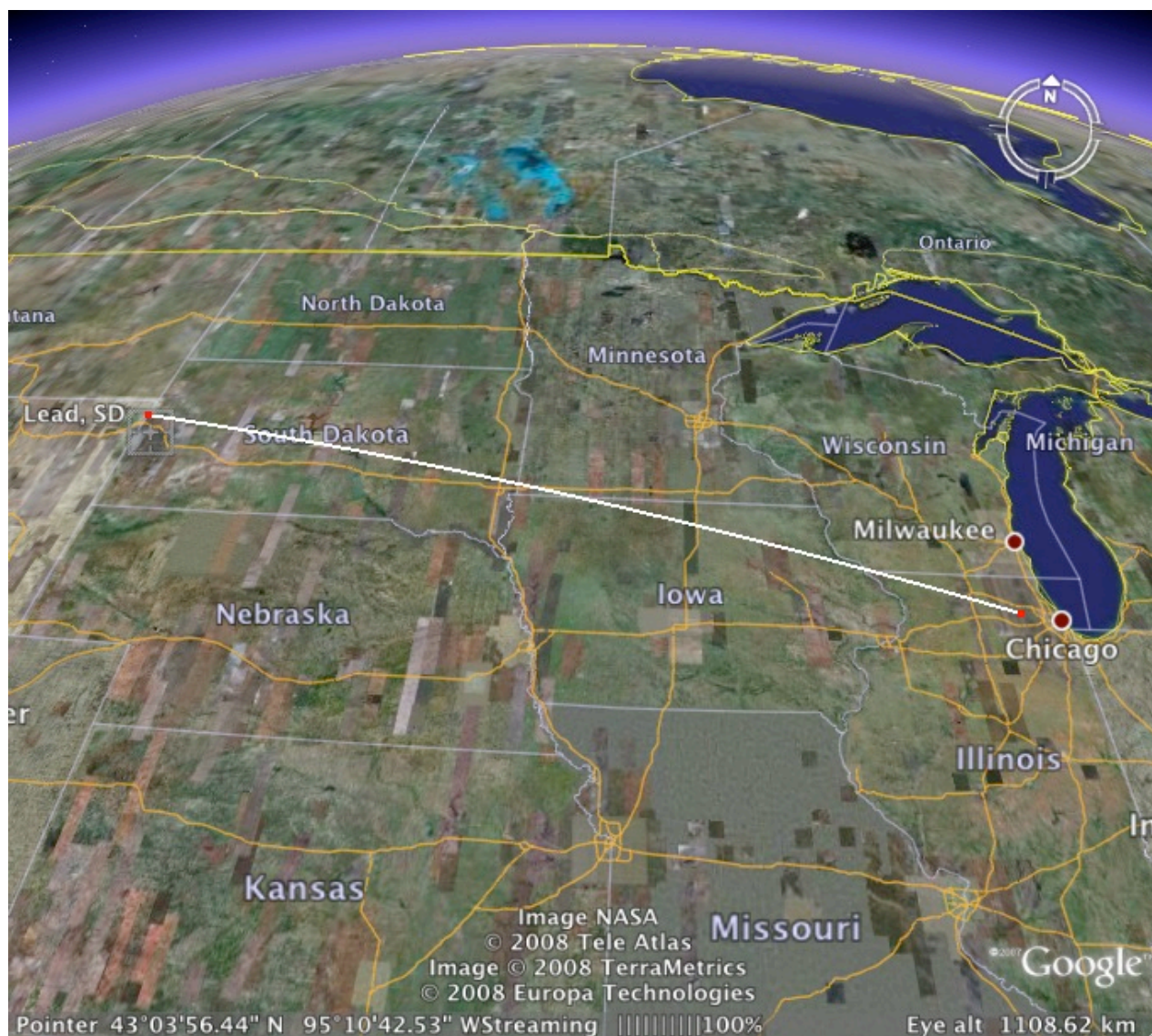
NuMI Civil construction : \$75M
NuMI Technical components : \$30M
AY\$ at project completion 03/05

*2001 re-baseline added
\$33M to the TEC*
More recent projects have been
required to incorporate larger initial
contingency*

Civil construction included:
2 access shafts
Target & absorber halls
2m diameter x
675m shielded decay tunnel
By-pass tunnel
Near Detector hall



**OPC was only slightly adjusted to match re-baseline schedule*



Fermilab Planning Initiatives

- Machine/Experiment Interface Working Group
 - Chuck Ankenbrand,
 - Jeffrey Appel, Chair
 - Dixon Bogert
 - Mike Church
 - Dave McGinnis
 - Eric Prebys
 - Gina Rameika
 - Bob Tschirhart

This group will collect the requirements from the experimental Proposals and provide them to the accelerator designers :

XXX protons per year at XXX GeV

with a beam structure of YYY protons per pulse

For a pulse of ZZZ zsec every nsec

DUSEL Beam Design Working Group

Mike Andrews

Jeffrey Appel, Chair

Dixon Bogert

Sam Childress

Bill Griffing

Nancy Grossman

Dave Harding

Jim Hylan

Vic Kuchler

Chris Laughton

Mike Martens

Elaine McCluskey

Rob Plunkett

Gina Rameika

Gueorgui Velev

Bob Zwaska

- Physics Requirements
- Civil construction
 - Tunnels and halls
 - Service Buildings and outfitting
- Technical Components
 - Accelerator
 - Primary beam
 - Neutrino Beam
- Management and oversight

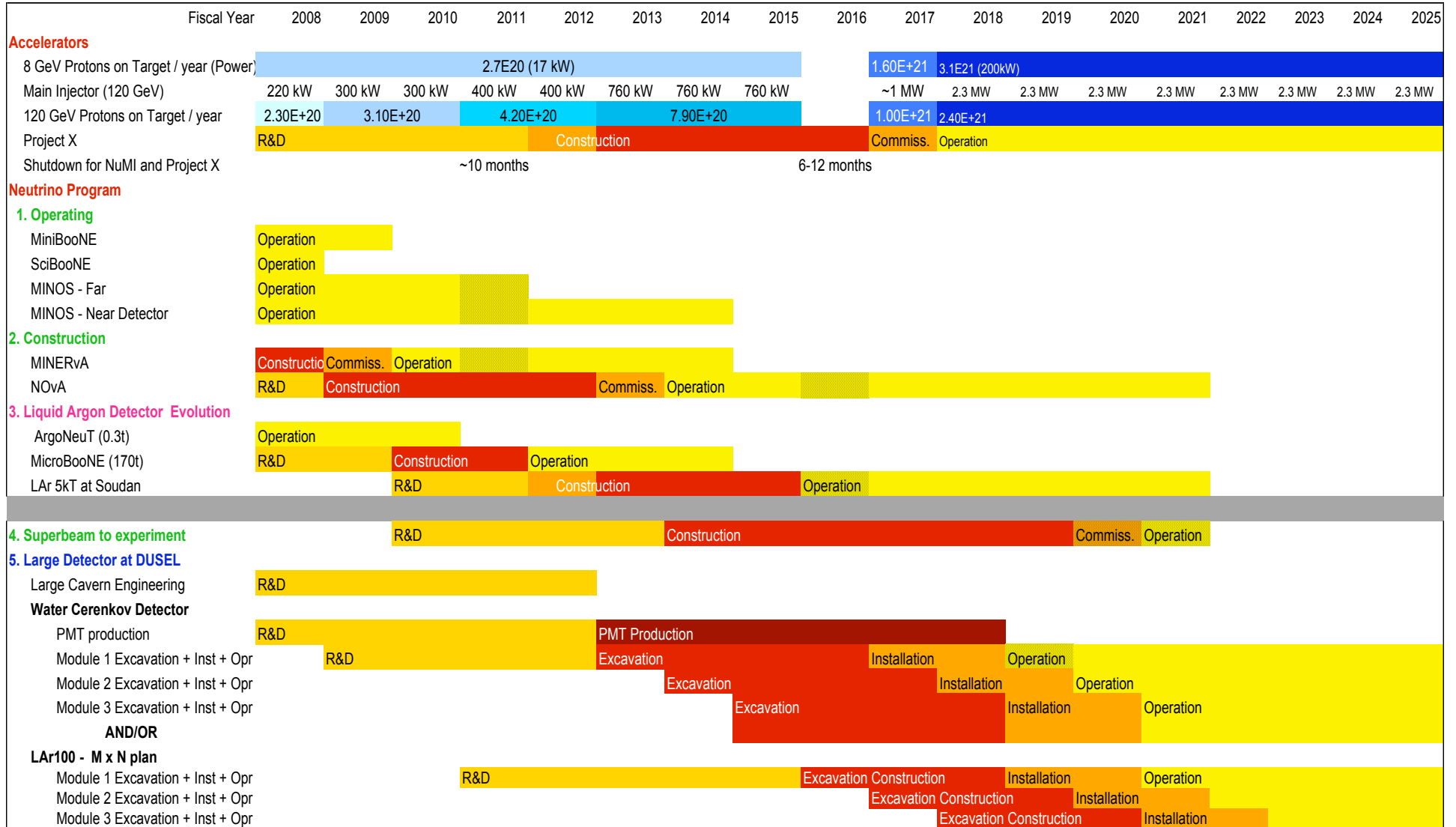
This group is just being formed;

Charge to be developed; meant to have lab wide Participation;

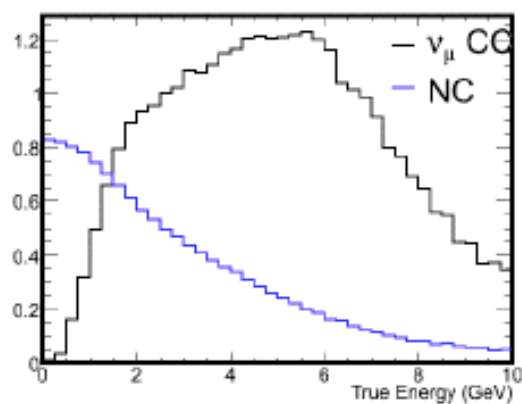
Must build on the excellent work done to date, which has been led by the BNL Group;

Will evolve as requirements, scope and schedules are clarified

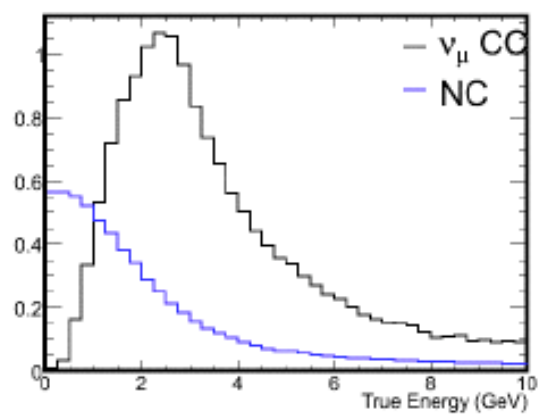
Timeline prepared for P5 (February 2008)



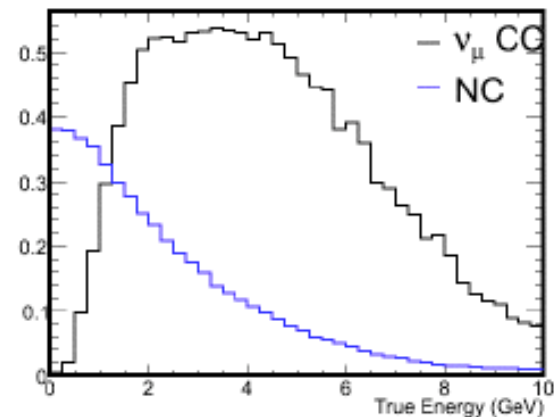
WBB 120 GeV ON AXIS



WBB 120 GeV OFF AXIS



WBB 60 GeV ON AXIS



Note : different scale

